

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF MERRIMAC,
FOR THE



Year Ending January 31,
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OF
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SCHOOL REPORT.

School Committee.

F. E. SWEETSIR, Chairman.....Term expires 1910
E. D. WILLIAMS, Purchasing Agt....Term expires 1909
E. L. JEWELL, Secretary.....Term expires 1911

MELVILLE A. STONE.....Superintendent

Teachers.

CHARLES W. CUTTS.....Principal High School
SUSANNA I. SAYRE.....First Assistant
MARY M. POOR.....Second Assistant
FLORENCE C. SUTHERLAND,
3d Asst. and Principal 9th Grade
ELLEN T. MORRISON.....7th and 8th Grades
A. MABELLE WARNER.....Asst. 7th and 8th Grades
MARIA'N K. BROWN.....5th and 6th Grades
GRACE L. NOYES.....4th and 5th Grades
JULIA M. NOYES.....3d Grade
S. BLANCHE CUNNINGHAM.....Primary
ANNIE M. SARGENT.....Merrimacport
MARY A. HUGHES.....Bear Hill
WILLIAM E. HARTWELL.....Supervisor of Music
EDITH AMES.....Supervisor of Drawing

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

We hereby respectfully submit the report for the past year, together with that of the Superintendent; which has been adopted.

At the town meeting in March, Everett L. Jewell was elected for a three years' term, and E. Dean Williams for two years, in place of Charles A. Lancaster, who resigned.

The present Board organized March 3rd, 1908, with F. E. Sweetsir as Chairman, Everett L. Jewell Secretary, and E. Dean Williams, Purchasing Agent.

On April 18, 1908, at a joint meeting of the School Boards of Reading and Merrimac, it was voted to continue the union of the two towns and M. A. Stone was re-elected Superintendent.

Our repair bill has been larger this year than we anticipated. It became necessary to build a fence, back of the Centre School building, for the safety of small children who persisted in endangering their lives at the brook at this point.

The division fence between the school and the Gould property was in such a dilapidated condition that the wisest thing to do seemed to be to tear it out and build a new one.

The rooms inside of the building and hallways were all repainted and the blackboards put in good repair.

The general appearance of the whole property was much improved by the removal of the old fence in front of the building and in grading the yard. The school well, which has served its purpose for these many years, was covered over. The time was approaching when a new pump would be needed and it seemed about as cheap to put the town water into the building and have the added convenience. We have also had quite a bill of expense at this building in changing the doors so that they would swing outward, thereby complying with the law in case of fire. This at first thought seemed a matter of small expense, but when the carpenters began work they found it would be necessary to rebuild the platforms entire, making them much larger, which made in the aggregate quite an expensive item of repairs. But in this building where there are several hundred pupils, it seems to be money well expended.

We have paid all the above mentioned repair bills out of the general school funds, without special appropriation, which is the usual way to do the more expensive repairs, and for this reason we have overdrawn our school appropriation for the first time in many years.

The doors of the other school buildings must be changed to comply with the law, but we did not have the money to do this.

Your attention is called by the Superintendent to the general unsanitary and tumbled-down condition of the shed and out-houses back of the centre building. His recommendations are good as a remedy but the cost would be great.

Again, plumbing without a heated cellar is not practical and your committee do not feel that the town can well af-

ford at this time in an old building to solve the problem in his way.

What the best thing to do is a question that is hard to answer. Perhaps the best solution would be to tear the old shed away entirely, build a cellar large enough for coal and wood under the schoolhouse and build a new outhouse, with six or eight earth closets in each side.

In June, 1908, we received the following communication :

In the Service of the Commonwealth.

(Seal)

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

State House, Boston, June 5, 1908.

To the Chairman of the School Committee:

By a recent act of the Legislature (Chapter 412, Acts of 1908), section 7 of Chapter 502 of the Acts of 1906 is repealed.

The law makes it obligatory upon school committees to employ school physicians and to provide for the physical examination of all school children.

This duty of school committees is not now dependent upon a previous appropriation nor limited by the amount actually made. The obligation to care for the health of the children rests upon the same legal basis as the obligation to furnish instruction, and the school committees have equal powers in the two kinds of work.

By Chapter 181, Acts of 1908, special instruction *as to tuberculosis and its prevention* is included in the list of subjects required by law to be taught.

A circular of suggestions to teachers, now being prepared for the State Board of Education by distinguished specialists in tuberculosis, will be sent out early in September.

The attention of school committees is invited to the report on "School Hygiene," contained in the Seventy-first Report of the State Board of Education.

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE H. MARTIN,

Secretary.

In compliance with this law it was voted that F. E. Sweetsir be appointed School Physician, his services to begin Feb. 1, 1909, at a salary of \$50.00 per year. Our town receives some \$14 00.00 of State money each year on condition that we comply with the State laws and rules of the State Board of Education.

At the Plains schoolhouse there is a very good opportunity to have the pupils co-operate with the Village Improvement Society and put the new playgrounds, purchased from the Sargent heirs, into different condition.

At the present time these two lots are about as unattractive as they can well be, covered as they are with bushes, uncut grass and sand piles.

We wish to call attention to the fact that the Bear Hill School had only eight scholars during the past year. Is it desirable to save \$200.00 or more a year by closing the school and transporting the pupils up to the sixth grade at the Centre on the electric cars?

After most careful consideration, we estimate that the schools will require for their maintenance for the ensuing year as follows:

For General School Purposes.....	\$7,419
For Transportation.....	500
For Superintendent.....	375

F. E. SWEETSIR,
EVERETT L. JEWELL,
E. DEAN WILLIAMS,
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee of Merrimac, Mass.:

Gentlemen:—

The following is respectfully submitted as my third annual report:

BUILDINGS.

In considering first the provision for proper physical comfort throughout the schools, I must call your attention once more to the need of a few desks and seats of the adjustable pattern.

In every room there are a few pupils who are compelled to use a seat or a desk so far from the normal size that deformity would result if the pupil were compelled to use it for the entire time. The relaxation at recess and out of school hours saves the child in most cases, but it is wrong to subject them to such experience for even one-fourth part of the time.

An expenditure of one hundred fifty dollars would correct this trouble throughout the schools, and I strongly recommend the purchase of adjustable desks and seats to that amount.

Another crying need is found at the Center School, where forty pupils are confined in a room with too little air capacity for the enrollment.

The ventilation is poor and one remedy lies in taking out the partition on the north side and so throwing into it the unused room which alone is no better than this for providing the proper volume of air for each pupil.

At the Prospect School the upper room could be more readily heated if the hot air flue were carried eight feet higher, so as to allow the heat to pass more readily toward the north side of the room. Storm windows would also tend to equalize the heat in all parts of the room, and could be provided at small expense.

Compliance with the law requiring doors of public buildings to open outward brought about a change at the Center School that appeals to many as a great improvement, while the removal of the fence certainly meets the approval of all who have at heart the good appearance of the town property. The doors at the Prospect still open inward.

Another item of improvement of the buildings is the sanitation of the Center School. At a comparatively small expense the cellar at the rear might be enlarged to accommodate the needed toilet rooms, and the present unsightly buildings at the rear be removed, thus enlarging the playground.

At this building we shall always have from one hundred fifty to two hundred pupils, and suitable provision should be made for their physical comfort.

By throwing together the two rooms, as suggested before, enough space at the south side could well be spared for stairways leading to the toilet rooms below, and the children

reared in homes of refinement would not be exposed to the risk of colds and other troubles, as at present.

Some may say that present school accommodations are an improvement upon those of forty or fifty years ago. That does not seem a sound argument in the light of the legislation upon school accommodations, and the hygienic requirements in regard to fresh air and contagious diseases.

The time has passed when anything that will shield from wind and rain is considered good enough for the children. More and more people generally are ready to admit that the all-round development of the children of a community is the most important interest of the community, and the building and other equipment throughout our State show that the importance of this work is recognized by the taxpayers, with the result that the best possible structure is considered none too good for the best development of the children.

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

Another law recently made operative by the repeal of the clause restricting the payment of the inspector requires the employment of a medical inspector, who shall make such inspection of the schools as shall reduce to the minimum the chance of the spread of contagious diseases and shall note cases that need special treatment.

Failure to comply with this law will jeopardize the fund received from the State, as this aid is granted upon the condition of living up to all the laws of the Commonwealth bearing upon education.

Merrimac now stands on the list of a few towns that have made no provision for medical inspection.

COURSE OF STUDY.

Coming now to the course of study, it is a satisfaction to find that the pupils from first grade to the seventh are working according to an eight grade plan which was given in typescript to the teachers of these grades last September. The seventh and eighth grades are doing all we could expect from their previous preparation for such work as an eight grade plan demands.

As I stated at the beginning and repeated a year ago, these grades must be allowed the full year of forty weeks to enable pupils to derive the full advantage of the plan.

Some will ask what advantage is to be expected from this plan. One gain is the completion of our course of study in twelve years instead of thirteen for three-fourths or more of all the pupils who enter our schools.

They thus gain one year of productive life in the community, and, besides, in case of those who enter High School, come into an acquaintance with a variety of subjects in the High School course which broaden their views of life and enable them one year earlier in life to begin to study in a practical way their own talents and adaptation to different occupations.

Another reason in case of many boys is that the very fact that in High School an opportunity will be found for studying different subjects from those that have occupied their attention all through their school days will prove sufficient attraction to hold them for one year more of school, and so for another till the end of the course, while the prospect of another year upon the same work as begun in eighth grade often proves too discouraging, and the boy

drops out of school very much to his regret ten years later in life.

While our High School has not a modern equipment for science work, good preparation is given for college and for Normal School, and no pupil is obliged to spend a year or two elsewhere to fit for college. If from lack of application in previous years, a boy finds himself unable to finish his preparation in four years, he can better afford to take a fifth year in this school and be prepared at no expense to his parents than to enter some school at a high rate of tuition for the sake of entering college one year earlier. The chances are that the youth's immaturity of mind is the chief reason of his needing five years for preparation instead of four, and to force a boy a year in advance of his real fitness for solid mental work is not likely to be profitable in any sense.

Again parents are not always sufficiently ambitious for their boys at the beginning of their course in the High School. As a result, the boy drifts along with no definite purpose, and so he accomplishes from one-half to three-quarters of the work he might easily master if he were inspired by a definite aim at each step of his course. This calls for more complete co-operation between parents and teachers if the school is to yield its full measure of efficiency to those who patronize or maintain it.

CHANGE OF TEACHERS.

The past year our schools have experienced a greater change in the corps of teachers than usual. The first to leave us last February was Miss Florence I. Hamblett, whose illness called for relief from school work. Miss

Grace L. Noyes was secured to take the school of fourth and fifth grades at the Prospect.

At the close of the year the resignation of Mr. C. E. Perkins was received after two years of good and faithful service. For his work with the ninth grade and part of the High School program we secured Miss Florence C. Sutherland, a graduate of Simmons College, with some previous experience in teaching.

Early in the summer vacation Miss Thacher tendered her resignation to accept a larger position in Wayland, after serving the Merrimac High School faithfully and efficiently for 2 years. Miss Mary M. Poor of Haverhill, a graduate of Boston University, was secured to succeed her.

Later Miss Head was granted leave of absence for a year, and Miss Marian K. Brown was secured as substitute. As Miss Brown was elected to a larger position in Andover, Miss Bertha G Hayes was employed to continue the work of grades five and six at the Prospect.

This makes a change of six teachers in the corps of fourteen within the twelve months, which is a severe test upon the system.

It is a satisfaction to be able to report that the new teachers have made a good beginning and the prospects are good that we shall find the work at the close of the school year as well accomplished as the time, thirty-eight (38) weeks, will allow.

HUMANE EDUCATION.

As I have said before, the attention given to the cause of our domestic animals, their needs and their comforts, certainly leads to a more refined and cultured treatment of

one another and a more respectful and polite regard for their elders. At the Prospect School the pupils are working up a strong sentiment in favor of what they choose to call Mauritania Club, which was introduced by Miss Brown and followed up by Miss Noyes, to develop care in all lines of conduct, each letter in the name standing for some desirable quality or trait, and all pupils striving to secure a good record in the strengthening of each good quality. The pupils certainly made good progress in this matter of growth in forming good habits.

The schools at the Center have made commendable progress in many things the past year, but perhaps the most marked gain is found in the quiet, orderly moments in and about the building. The teachers all deserve special commendation for this.

STAMP SAVING.

After developing public interest in this subject to the point of securing a working capital of ten dollars, the stamps were put on sale after the Thanksgiving recess and during the months of December and January the sales have amounted to \$70.00

In this manner we aim to bring our pupils in contact with the real things of life, and by this means develop thrift and a kind and generous feeling toward the unfortunate, as they have opportunity to give of their own money for the objects that appeal to them.

This also furnishes another use for the pennies instead of spending them for candy or gum or using them in the slot machines, which encourage the gambling spirit.

The cause of temperance will be promoted in this manner,

for it is the repeated decision to refuse to gratify an appeal of the appetite that finally results in the habit of temperance in ones daily living.

This report thus rounds out the complete provision we make for the right development of the children according to their three-fold nature.

The reports of the High School Principal and of the Special Teachers of Music and Drawing will give the needs of these departments of our work.

With keen appreciation of the loyalty of the teachers in this work and your hearty support in my efforts to improve the work of the schools, this report is respectfully submitted.

MELVILLE A. STONE,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I submit herewith my ninth annual report on the progress and condition of the High School.

I am very glad to report that the work of the school for the past year has been much more satisfactory than usual. This doubtless is due to a combination of circumstances, one of which I believe to be the operation of our new course of study. It may be too early to form a final judgment of the working of this course of study, but it seems to be working well.

With slight adjustments from time to time as occasion may require, it will doubtless be found to meet the needs of our community admirably. It permits the giving of greater consideration not only to the needs of the individual pupil, but to his natural aptitude as well. For this reason I believe our elective system tends to promote the pupil's interest and consequently the efficiency of the school.

In this connection I would suggest that parents encourage their children as early as may seem advisable to plan as definitely as possible for the future, that the High School work may be adjusted to the carrying out of that plan. Much time and expense and often disappointment may then

be saved. Frequent conferences and co-operation with the teachers may be helpful in this matter. A good number of our pupils are preparing for college and other higher institutions. Their work is more seriously approached and more efficiently done because of this. It is always for the advantage of the pupil to have a definite end in view.

During the spring vacation the senior class, together with several teachers and friends, took a trip to Washington. Aside from the pleasure and profitable experience of travel, the educational value of a few days' stay at the capital can hardly be overestimated. I believe our young people would greatly profit if each one before graduation could have the benefit of this trip. I would be glad if the trip to Washington became an annual, or at least a frequent, event.

Miss Thacher, who had efficiently served in the school for two years, withdrew at the end of the year in June, and Miss Mary M. Poor of Haverhill, a graduate of Boston University, succeeded her. She has already gained a strong hold on her pupils and is handling her subjects admirably. Miss Sutherland, a graduate of Simmons College, who succeeded Mr. Perkins, is proving an efficient teacher.

I have to acknowledge the gift of a sectional bookcase, presented by the Alumni Association. This was a wisely selected gift, and is very much appreciated. It can be added to at any time, and already we need additional shelf room to accommodate our reference library; at the same time, one of our greatest needs is to increase the library itself.

The drawing room should be heated directly. It is not safe to conduct classes in that room on a cold day as it is now heated. The work in drawing is too important to be

crippled by an inconvenience that can be readily remedied.

We need to add to our equipment for teaching the sciences. With but very little outlay we are doing very creditable work in Chemistry, but we have very little apparatus for use in experimental work in Physics or Biology.

The spirit of the school is excellent—never have more cordial relations existed between teachers and pupils than have prevailed during the past year. I believe more home work is being done than ever before, and as a result the general average of the school, both in scholarship and conduct is higher than usual. That this condition may continue and that even more effective work be accomplished, I ask the co-operation of pupils and parents.

In conclusion I wish to thank you and, through you, the members of the School Committee for assistance and co-operation in all that pertains to the welfare of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. CUTTS,

Principal High School.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

To Superintendent Stone and School Board of Merrimac:

Your Supervisor of Music is pleased to submit his fifth annual report, which can be only one of progress, as no new policy has been adopted, but the work has been carried forward on the same fixed and definite lines that have contributed to the success of past years. The schools of Merrimac are fortunate in securing and retaining excellent teachers to carry on the work, upon whom depend so largely the successful issue of special subjects, such as music and drawing.

Experience in teaching anything will point out certain directions or lines which ought to be magnified or learned most thoroughly to get the best and quickest results. So in reading music we believe the children are better qualified than ever before, simply from knowing just where and how to apply the time allotted for singing to the best advantage. There certainly is no lack of enthusiasm in any of the rooms. The pupils, from the primary grades up to the High School, all love to sing; hence my work among them is one of pleasure.

Much time is used by your special teacher in certain grades on the physiology of the voice—that is, how to produce the best tones and develop the voice by the proper use of the breath—and I am satisfied that the time is well

spent. If done correctly, singing should make people healthier and oftentimes act as a preventive to throat and lung troubles.

The music period in the ninth grade has been largely used in preparing pupils for the work in the High School a year hence, and as such has been particularly valuable. Boys of this grade can really do little if any satisfactory singing, as at this time their voices are changing. So, much time is given in work that will fit them to sing male parts in the higher classes.

Never have the pupils of the High School taken hold of the study of music as they have this year; never have they seemed so thoroughly interested and courteous, and never have I enjoyed my stay among them as during the present year. The people of Merrimac and vicinity have learned to expect much from the High School in their public appearances in the past, but they may expect even better work in the future.

My thanks are due Supt. Stone for valuable suggestions, to the committee for everything asked for, to all the teachers for their entire co-operation and to the pupils for excellent work and the best of treatment.

Respectfully,

W. E. HARTWELL,

Supervisor of Music.

Haverhill, Mass., Jan. 18, 1909.

DRAWING.

Mr. Stone, Superintendent of Schools:

In rendering my report for the past year as Supervisor of drawing I am pleased to be able to state that the work is progressing very favorably. Throughout the schools there is an interest and enthusiasm shown that tends toward good results.

In the lower grades there should be first instilled the love of drawing. Then by drawing and drawing freely they will get to look upon their drawing as a common means of language expression.

Then in the upper grades, where naturally the perception and correction of faults occur, comes the development of a working knowledge of appearance drawing with a practical knowledge of how to proceed. Here I am trying to work along the lines that need most strengthening and to give the classes the salient points needed to easily and freely express their ideas.

In the High School are both the free hand and mechanical classes. In the free hand drawing the work is going well, and I am pleased with the results, which show thought and care. Too much stress cannot be placed on the mechanical drawing, for in these days the study itself, as well as the training it gives is of great importance.

Wherever it has been possible in my course I have tried to put the drawing to a practical and useful purpose, thereby bringing a working out of the ideas expressed and lending a personal interest to the work.

With the co-operation and interest already shown, I am sure the work will continue to progress.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH BULKELEY AMES.

January, 1909.

SESSIONS.

At the High School building the schools will be in session from 8.15 A. M. to 1.15 P. M. regularly Monday to Friday inclusive.

At all other schools the sessions continue from 8.45 to 11.45 A. M., and from 1.30 to 3.30 P. M. for the same days and weeks as indicated above.

HOLIDAYS—For all schools. Thanksgiving Day and the day following, Washington's Birthday, Patriots' Day and Memorial Day.

STATISTICS.

FROM STATE REPORT OF APRIL, 1908.

Population of town, census of 1905,	1884
Number of schools in town, Sept., 1906, to June 21, 1907,	9
Number of teachers employed, including special teachers,	12
Whole number of pupils enrolled during the school year,	388

TABLE OF ENROLLMENT.

Between 5 and 15 Years.				Between 7 and 14 Years.		
Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Year.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
169	181	350	1899	126	155	281
193	184	377	1900	139	148	287
164	173	337	1901	112	112	224
187	179	366	1902	124	125	249
175	186	361	1903	129	128	257
177	177	354	1904	129	130	259
164	157	321	1905	125	121	246
167	151	318	1906	128	108	236
175	157	332	1907	138	123	261
176	139	315	1908	124	105	229

MERRIMAC HIGH SCHOOL.

GRADUATES, 1908.

College Preparatory Course.

Ethel Batson Cutts,	Clara Susan Jonah,
John Bradbury Judkins, 2d,	Myra Etta Smith.

Scientific Course.

John Frank McInnis,	Ruth Evelyn Morse,
Augustine Burleigh Sawyer,	Charles Edmund Sullivan,
Ruth Ella Trull,	Mildred Corinne Wadleigh,
Marion Alice Whaland.	

General Course.

Alice Bailey Dalrymple.

NO SESSION SIGNAL.

Two blasts repeated twice at 7.30 A. M. means no session in the forenoon.

Two blasts repeated twice at 12.30 P. M. means no session in the afternoon.

MERRIMAC GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

GRADUATES, 1908.

George Abercrombie,
Frances Bartlett,
Philip Coombs,
Frank Doonan,
James Donahue,
Charlotte Gale,
Alfred Kinsman,
Edward Keogh,
Lona McInnis,
Maud Murphy,
Frank Pease,
John Sullivan,
Josephine Tremblay,
James Walker,

Harold Burnham,
Iva Condon,
Bernice Dwinells,
Anna Doonan,
Edna Fitzgerald,
Lewis Heath,
Maurice Kelley,
Charles Libby,
Helen Morrill,
Harold Preble,
Richard Sargent,
Lillian Trudeau,
Gertrude Thompson,
Osborne Waterhouse

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL STATE- MENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, general,	\$7,356 00
Transportation,	500 00
Superintendent	375 00
Mass. School Fund, rec. Jan. 25, 1908,	847 49
Dog Tax, rec'd Feb. 3, 1908,	158 18
Supplies sold,	4 85
Hay sold,	1 00
Old fence sold	1 00
Rebate from last year,	2 56
Account Superintendent, 1908,	500 00
Tuition, State wards,	208 56
Tuition from Amesbury,	80 00
Dog Tax received Jan. 29, 1909,	149 82
D. W. Gould, account line fence,	14 43
Overdrawn	95 61

\$10,294 50

Received Jan. 26, to be applied the coming year :

Mass. School Fund,	\$868 81
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EXPENDITURES.

Books,	\$220 62
Supplies,	135 03
Incidentals,	618 20
Repairs,	502 85
Transportation,	500 00
Fuel,	656 16
Superintendent,	608 00
Janitors,	685 14
Teachers,	6,368 50
	\$10,294 50

SCHOOL FINANCIAL ACCOUNT.

Order No.	Amount.
380-402 February pay roll	\$892 00
403 Ginn & Co., books	36 88
404 American Book Co., books and supplies	27 08
405 Edward E. Babb & Co., books	20 72
406 C. F. Winchester	2 00
407 Milton Bradley Co., supplies and incidentals	3 90
408 H. O. Delano, incidentals	2 50
409 I. B. Little Co., incidentals	2 04
410 A. G. Sturdivant, trucking	59
411 O. F. Bennett, incidentals	2 96
412 F. H. Trefethen, incidentals	10 95
413 H. C. Manning, incidentals	6 00
414 Sargent Coal Co., fuel	6 00
415-436 March pay roll	828 52
437 Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books	3 26
438 Allyn & Bacon, books	4 17
439 C. F. Winchester, supplies	5 40
440 I. B. Little Co., incidentals	2 20
441 O. F. Bennett, incidentals	6 24
442 I. B. Little Co., incidentals	1 14
443 Merrimac Budget, incidentals	6 45
444 Clifton B. Heath, admr.	22 92
445 Sargent Coal Co., fuel	10 25
446 Fred L. Parker, supplies	70
447 Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover, supplies	1 50
448 Eagle Pencil Co., supplies	14 85

449	L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., supplies	5 82
450	Ginn & Co., books	20 40
451	American Book Co., books	21 00
452	J. H. Sayward Co., mat	6 00
453-474	April pay roll	805 50
475	Edward E. Babb & Co., books and supplies	1 85
476	Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books	2 55
477	Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover, supplies	5 17
478	H. C. Manning, incidentals	4 25
479	C. H. Fellows & Co., incidentals	3 00
480	Ernest A. Collins, incidentals	2 25
481	P. J. Mullen, fuel	14 00
482	E. Dean Williams, incidentals	2 60
483	E. L. Jewell, incidentals	3 60
484-490 and 1-14	May pay roll	790 50
491	O. F. Bennett, incidentals	9 61
492	Merrimac Budget, incidentals	22 25
493	Sargent Coal Co., fuel	577 38
494	J. T. Crosby, fuel	7 00
15-35	June pay roll	761 43
36	O. F. Bennett, repairs	3 50
37	Fred W. Peabody, incidentals	3 60
38	H. C. Manning, incidentals	3 60
39	A. McInnis & Son, trucking	2 50
40	Howard & Brown, diplomas	10 20
41	C. W. Cutts, incidentals	4 55
42	J. B. Heath, repairs	44 98
43	J. B. Heath, repairs	17 89
44	H. H. Story, incidentals	1 00
45	Merrimac Budget, incidentals	12 00
46	F. C. Williams, incidentals	3 25
47	I. B. Little Co., incidentals	17 61
48	J. L. Hammett, incidentals	6 00
49	H. C. Manning, repairs	25 00
50	J. E. Muldoon, repairs	12 00
51	E. Dean Williams, repairs	100 00
52	Sargent Coal Co., fuel	29 53

53	Bailey Sargent, insurance	64 20
54	Cooms & Gilbert, repairs	6 30
55	J. L. Hammett Co., repairs	3 00
56	American Express Co., express	1 10
57	H. C. Manning, repairs	55 00
58	Ernest A. Collins, incidentals	9.60
59	Oran W. Burk, incidentals	5 00
60	H. C. Manning, incidentals	2 00
61	I. B. Little Co., repairs	41 08
62	E. Dean Williams, repairs	53 82
63	F. H. Trefethen, incidentals	72 80
64-85	September Pay Roll	778 00
86	J. C. Libby, repairs	154 37
87	Milton Bradley Co., supplies	14 08
88	American Book Co., supplies	18 80
89	Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, supplies	5 66
90	Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover, supplies and books	14 83
91	Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies	5 60
92	Rand, McNally & Co., books	2 08
93	Ginn & Co., books	39 07
94	Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books	7 62
95	American Book Co., books	1 44
96	D. C. Heath & Co., books	3 18
97	American Express Co., express	3 35
98	F. C. Williams, incidentals	8 05
99	H. C. Manning, incidentals	2 25
100	A. O. Nicol, incidentals	1 50
101	Merrimac Water Works, incidentals	11 59
102	M. Connor, cleaning vaults	5 00
103	Ginn & Co., books	72
104	Sargent Coal Co., fuel	12 00
105	I. B. Little Co., incidentals	3 73
106	Fred W. Peabody, incidentals	1 50
107-128	October Pay Roll	778 00
129	Edgar P. Sargent, surveying	1 00
130	A. McInnis & Son, trucking	3 74
131	American Seating Co., repairs	4 00

132	Milton, Bradley Co., supplies	2 75
133	Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies and books	9 88
134	Atkinson & Grover, supplies	3 37
135	I. B. Little Co., incidentals	1 55
136	E. A. Collins, incidentals	52
137	Ellen L. Sargent, cleaning Port school house	8 00
138-159	November Pay Roll	778 00
160	H. C. Manning, school census and cleaning clock	17 00
161	C. W. Chapman, repairs	16 03
162	Edward E. Babb & Co., books	1 52
163	D. C. Heath & Co., books	3 50
165	L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., supplies	5 38
164, 166-185	December Pay Roll	694 51
186	A. McInnis & Son, trucking	2 81
187	O. F. Bennett, incidentals	1 25
188	John E. Currier, lumber	37 75
189	F. H. Trefethen, incidentals	19 78
190	I. B. Little Co., incidentals	2 66
191	C. H. Fellows & Co., wheel barrow	2 00
192	John E. Muldoon, incidentals	1 99
193	H. C. Manning, truant officer	25 00
194	C. W. Miles, incidentals	9 44
195	O. F. Bennett, incidentals	6 40
196	Zenas L. Lovell & Co., incidentals	32 18
197	Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover, supplies	9 00
198	Milton, Bradley Co., supplies	95
199	American Express Co., express	40
200-209	January Pay Roll	234 86
210	Nat L. Howe, repairs	8 13
211	Merrimac Budget, printing	25 75

\$9,447 01

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FUND.

Order No.

1-10	February Pay Roll	\$58 76
11-16	March Pay Roll	36 57
17-22	April Pay Roll	36 88
23-28	May Pay Roll	35 00
29	D. C. Heath & Co., books	2 00
30	Milton Bradley, supplies	1 86
31	American Peace Society, supplies	60
32	Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover, supplies	4 00
33	Arthur W. Hall Scientific Co., supplies	2 00
34-39	June Pay Roll	33 44
40	Edith B. Ames, supplies	2 61
41-45	September Pay Roll	32 50
46-50	October Pay Roll	32 50
51	Allyn & Bacon, books	2 61
52	Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books	77
53	Ginn & Co., books	50
54	American Book Co., books	6 00
55	F. J. Barnard & Co., books	2 88
56-60	November Pay Roll	32 50
61-65	December Pay Roll	28 76
66	Fred L. Parker, supplies	6 34
67-78	January Pay Roll	488 41

\$847 49

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE AND OTHER DATA, FOR FOUR MONTHS ENDING DEC. 24, 1908.

SCHOOL.	GRADE.	TEACHERS.	WHERE EDUCATED.	Salary per Month	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent. Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Cases of Dismissal
High		Charles W. Cutts, Prin., Susanna I. Sayre, Mary M. Poor, Florence, C. Sutherland, Ellen T. Morrison, A. Mabelle Warner,	Bates College. Boston University. Boston University. Simmons College. Gorham Normal. Lowell Normal. Haverhill H. S. Salem Normal. Lowell Normal. Lowell Normal.	\$120.00 47.50 40.00 50.00 45.00 42.50 40.00 47.50 40.00 40.00	68 27 66 40 56 43 52 17 8	67.8 27. 64. 38.3 48. 40.8 50.1 14.75 8.	65.9 26.3 62.8 36.5 43.3 39.5 48. 13.8 7.62	97.2 97.8 98.1 95.3 90.2 96.8 95.8 93.7 95.2	86 30 4 63 40 190 55 22 26	46 21 0 11 1 33 6 4 4
Center	9									
Center	8									
Center	7									
Center	3	Julia M. Noyes,								
Center	1 - 2	S. Blanche Cunningham,								
Prospect	6 - 5	Marian K. Brown,								
Prospect	5 - 4	Grace L. Noyes,								
Port	1-2-4-5	Annie M. Sargent,								
Bear Hill	1-2-3-4	Mary A. Hughes,								
Music		W. E. Hartwell,								
Drawing		Edith B. Ames,								
					377					

TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

OLIVER W. JORDAN,	Term Expires March, 1909
FRANK E. BARTLETT,	Term Expires March, 1910
JAMES W. BAILEY,	Term Expires March, 1911

Clerk.

BAILEY SARGENT.

Treasurer.

JAMES C. PEASE.

Collector of Taxes.

HARRY W. HALE.

Auditor.

WILLIAM C. RUSSELL.

Water Commissioners and Municipal Light Board.

GEORGE T. WALKER,	Term Expires March, 1909
JAMES L. HOWE,	Term Expires March, 1910
WARREN A. BAILEY,	Term Expires March, 1911

Registrars of Voters.

CHARLES E. ROWELL,	FRANK F. PHILBRICK,
JAMES T LOCKE,	BAILEY SARGENT.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

JOHN W. J. GRO CUT, HARRY W. HALE,
WILLIAM S. TUCKWELL.

Superintendent of Streets.

JAMES W. BAILEY.

Constables.

JOHN J. MINAHAN, CLARENCE O. LIBBY,
FRED O. BAILEY.

School Committee.

E. DEAN WILLIAMS,	Term Expires March, 1909
FRED E. SWEETSIR,	Term Expires March, 1910
EVERETT L. JEWELL,	Term Expires March, 1911

Trustees of Public Library.

GEORGE E. RICKER,	Term Expires March, 1909
CHARLES W. CUTTS,	Term Expires March, 1909
THOMAS H. HOYT,	Term Expires March, 1910
WILLIAM B. SARGENT,	Term Expires March, 1910
JAMES F. PEASE,	Term Expires March, 1911
CHARLES W. SAWYER,	Term Expires March, 1911

Trustees of Cemeteries.

CHARLES E. ROWELL,	Term Expires March, 1909
CHARLES A. LANCASTER,	
	Term Expires March, 1910
GEORGE G. LARKIN,	Term Expires March, 1911

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark.

JOHN E. CURRIER, CHARLES EMERY HOYT,
GEORGE A. SARGENT.

Weighers of Coal and Measurers of Grain.

BYRON H. SARGENT, EDWARD H. PREBLE,
ANNIE A. WELLS, ALICE J. HOYT.

Fence Viewer.

WILLARD B. KELLEY.

Field Drivers.

CHARLES A. FOLLANSBEE, HARRY A. MORGAN,
AARON A. HUME.

Inspector of Animals.

JOHN K. SARGENT.

Fish and Game Wardens.

ORAN W. BURKE, FRED O. BAILEY.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

HENRY C. MANNING.

Forest Warden.

EDGAR P. SARGENT.

Burial Agent.

AUSTIN A. TRULL,

APPROPRIATIONS

For the Year Ending January 31, 1909.

Support of Poor	\$1,400 00
Soldiers' Relief	200 00
Highways and Bridges (\$400.00 for permanent work)	1,400 00
Memorial Day	75 00
Interest	800 00
Discount	900 00
Macadam Road	500 00
Browntail and Gypsy Moths	491 33
Miscellaneous	450 00
Oil Lamps, Bear Hill Street	25 00
Snow and Washouts	500 00
Sidewalks and Crossings	200 00
Town Officers, including Night Watch	2,100 00
Railing	200 00
General School Purposes	6,500 00
Transportation of Pupils	500 00
Superintendent of Schools	375 00
Hydrants and Watering Troughs	3,280 57
Fire Department	1,200 00
Public Library	400 00
Tree Warden	50 00
Purchase of two lots on Prospect Street	200 00
Repairs on Sargent Hall	150 00
Appropriations made at Special Meeting, April 27, 1908:	
Balance required by Municipal Light Board	2,729 70
Re-fitting Vault in Sargent Hall	200 00
Additional for General School Purposes	856 00

\$25,682 60

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Oliver W. Jordan, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	\$215 00
Frank E. Bartlett, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	75 00
James W. Bailey, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	75 00
James C. Pease, Treasurer	75 00
Henry W. Hale, Collector of Taxes	300 00
E. L. Jewell, School Committee	50 00
Fred E. Sweetser, School Committee	25 00
E. Dean Williams, School Committee	25 00
Bailey Sargent, Town Clerk	75 00
Bailey Sargent, Registrar of Voters	25 00
Frank F. Philbrick, Registrar of Voters	15 00
Charles E. Rowell, Registrar of Voters	15 00
James T. Locke, Registrar of Voters	15 00
Frederick C. Grant, Auditor, 1907	25 00
John J. Minahan, Nightwatch and Chief of Police	882 00
Clarence O. Libby, Police	25 00
Martin B. Crane, Special Police	1 00

William C. Russell, Election Officer	9 00	
Charles H. Staples, Election Officer	6 00	
Roswell J. Eaton, Election Officer	6 00	
Henry C. Manning, Election Officer	6 00	
Fred P. Clement, Election Officer	6 00	
Austin W. Sawyer, Election Officer	3 00	
James T. Young, Election Officer	3 00	
Patrick D. Learnard, Election Officer	3 00	
Clifton B. Heath, Moderator, March, 1908	5 00	
Clifton B. Heath, Election Officer	3 00	
Frank E. Pease, Moderator, two special meetings	6 00	
John K. Sargent, Inspector of Animals	50 00	
Oliver W. Jordan, Election Officer	3 00	
Frank E. Bartlett, Election Officer	3 00	
James W. Bailey, Election Officer	3 00	
		\$2,036 00
Unexpended		89 00
		\$2,125 00
Appropriation	\$2,100 00	
Due from State acct., Inspector of Animals	25 00	
		\$2,125 00

POOR DEPARTMENT.

M. Burke.

Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies	\$49 50
W B. Kelley, supplies	55 70
Sargent Coal Co., supplies	28 51
George A. Titcomb, supplies	59 12
F. E. Sweetser, M. D., medical attendance	29 00
Pentucket Shoe Co., supplies	1 50
Fred L. Parker, supplies	5 10

\$228 43

Ann Waining.

Mrs. K. C. Haseltine, board, supplies and nursing	\$321 76
H. M. Crittenden, M. D., medical attendance	54 00

\$375 76

Howard Parker.

Children's Aid Society, board	\$74 00
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\$74 00

Mrs. L. A. Kendrick.

Mrs. L. M. Conover, board	\$156 00
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\$156 00

William B. Davis.

W. W. Wilder & Son, supplies	\$55 22
A. P. Brewer, supplies	25 81
The Kempton Co., supplies	2 00

\$83 03

William Travis.

Worcester City Hospital, board and care	\$14 29
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\$14 29

Mrs. J. Doyle.

Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies	\$56 41
Sargent Coal Co., supplies	25 50
George A. Titcomb, supplies	51 22
E. W. Morse Est., supplies	9 78
Fred L. Parker, supplies	85
F. E. Sweetser, M. D., medical attendance	8 00
H. N. Clough, rent	36 00

\$187 76

John E. Handley.

Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies	\$47 65
Pentucket Shoe Co., supplies	4 45
Sargent Coal Co., supplies	6 10
The Kempton Co., supplies	3 95

\$62 05

Arthur Stewart.

E. S. Whitney, supplies	\$10 50
Sargent Coal Co., supplies	7 40
Preble Brothers, supplies	3 82
Arthur P. Ordway, supplies	5 75

\$26 97

Mrs. Everlith.

Sargent Coal Co., supplies	\$7 25
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\$7 25

Mrs. Henry Gillday.

Miss Susie C. Merrill, board, nursing and supplies	\$180 00	
F. E. Sweetser, M. D., medical attendance	19 25	
F. L. Parker, supplies	20 96	
J. B. Heath & Son, expense of burial	15 90	
Little & Co., supplies	6 84	
Pentucket Shoe Co., supplies	4 30	
F. E. Bartlett, supplies and expense	1 90	
J. W. Bailey, supplies	75	
Selectmen, supplies	5 00	
		\$254 90

Hannah Allison.

Mrs. C. C. Witham, board and supplies	\$161 00	
Pentucket Shoe Co., supplies	1 75	
Little & Co., supplies	50	
		\$163 25

Mrs. C. B. Martin.

City of Salem, board and supplies	\$51 25	
F. E. Bartlett, expense to Salem	2 00	
		\$53 25

Alice Harridon.

City of Worcester, board and care	\$2 86	
		\$2 86

Robert E. Farra.

Sargent Coal Co., supplies	\$3 75	
Preble Brothers, supplies	4 16	
Merrimac Cash Market, supplies	2 00	
		\$9 91

Kate McKabe.

Town of Amesbury, board	\$13 82	
		\$13 82

H. A. Geoffrey.

Town of Amesbury, shoes and clothing
for children

\$8 42

\$8 42

Harry O. Blaisdell.

James W. Bailey, supplies

80 31

F. L. Parker, supplies

4 30

\$84 61

Mrs. A. P. Stevens.

Mrs. Laura Colby, nursing

\$10 00

Mrs. A. H. Gorton, nursing and board

39 85

A. H. Peirce, M. D., medical attendance

14 50

Preble Brothers, supplies

1 38

G. A. Titcomb, supplies

93

\$66 66

Charlotte Jenkins.

Boston City Hospital, board and at-
tendance

\$44 29

\$44 29

Temporary aid rendered

\$41 50

\$41 50

\$1,959 01

Appropriation

\$1,400 00

Due from State acct., Mrs. A. P. Stevens

66 66

Due from City of Boston, acct. A. Stewart

26 97

Received acct. temporary aid

41 50

Overdrawn

423 88

\$1,959 01

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Joseph Addison.

Town of Danvers, supplies	\$96 00	
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\$96 00

John Jenkins.

F. E. Sweetser, M. D., medical attendance	\$25 25	
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\$25 25

Clarrissa J. Frye.

F. E. Sweetser, M. D., medical attendance	\$30 50	
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Mrs. A. G. Cheney, nursing	16 00	
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Sargent Coal Co., supplies	17 20	
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\$63 70

\$184 95

Unexpended

15 05

\$200 00

Appropriation

\$200 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid John E. Bean, Q. M.

\$75 00

Appropriation

75 00

STATE AID.

For 12 Months Ending January 31, 1909.

F. W. Carter	\$48 00
John Jenkins	72 00
Adelia P. Hanscomb	40 00
Harriett C. Flanders	48 00
Isaac Hanson	72 00
Cynthia C. Simmons	48 00
Margaret Mahoney	48 00
Mary L. Foss	48 00
Arrianah S. White	48 00
Emma J. Heath	48 00
Moses Stevens	72 00
Mary E. Stevens	48 00
Nathan J. Spofford	72 00
William C. Tuson	72 00
Emily E. Tibbetts	48 00
Clarrissa J. Frye	48 00
Moses Bailey	72 00
Judson Riley	72 00
Margaret Handley	48 00
Steven D. Kennett	72 00
Lydia A. Kennett	48 00
Charles B. Hunkins	72 00
M. Ellen Hall	48 00
Daniel G. George	36 00
Harriett C. Grant	24 00
	\$1,372 00

MILITARY AID.

Daniel G. George	\$84 00
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RAILING.

JAMES W. BAILEY, Superintendent.

James W. Bailey, labor	\$13 00	
E. Goodwin, labor	28 44	
G. H. Gillday, labor	28 89	
M. Bailey, labor	14 45	
D. Bunker, labor	12 00	
C. R. McGuire, labor	4 00	
L. B. Blaisdell, labor and team	9 00	
		\$89 78

Miscellaneous Bills.

Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies	\$1 57	
Baldwin Robbins Co., supplies	27 22	
S. W. Condon, filing saws	35	
		\$29 14
		\$138 92
Unexpended		61 08
		\$200 00
Appropriation	\$200 00	

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid James C. Pease, treasurer	\$400 00
Appropriation	400 00

SNOW AND WASHOUT.

 JAMES W. BAILEY, Superintendent.

George W. Tibbetts, snow roller	\$93 60	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	6 40	
F. C. Williams, stock and labor	5 00	
S. C. Pease & Sons, stock	45	
James W. Bailey, labor	1 50	
G. H. Gillday, labor	2 00	
A. O. Nicol, team and labor	12 50	
Charles H. Staples, team and labor	8 50	
L. B. Blaisdell, team and labor	5 25	
E. I. Cate, labor	3 11	
		\$138 31
Unexpended	61 69	
		\$500 00
Appropriation	\$500 00	

 TREE WARDEN.

 Pay Roll.

Gilbert G. Davis, Superintendent	\$20 50	
W. F. Thompson	16 00	
James T. Young	50	
		\$37 00
Unexpended		13 00
		\$50 00
Appropriation	\$50 00	

OIL LAMPS, BEAR HILL.

Preble Brothers, supplies	\$3 40	
Arthur Hargraves, care of lamps	15 31	
Nattie Veale, care of lamps	2 50	
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies	10 56	
		\$31 77
Appropriation	\$25 00	
Sale of lamps	1 00	
Overdrawn	5 77	
		\$31 77

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid James C. Pease, treasurer	\$2,743 55	
Appropriation		\$2,729 70
Overdrawn		13 85
		\$2,743 55

HYDRANTS AND WATERING TROUGHS.

Paid James C. Pease, treasurer	\$3,280 51	
Appropriation		\$3,280 51

VAULT.

Bank and Office Equipment Co., steel fittings	\$165 00	
James Cooper, labor	5 30	
O. W. Jordan, stock and labor	6 00	
A. McInnis, teaming	50	
		\$176 80
Unexpended		23 20
		\$200 00
Appropriation	\$200 00	

REPAIRS ON SARGENT HALL.

J. C. Libby, stock and labor	\$20 44	
I. B. Little, supplies	8 99	
F. M. Williams, painting	55 42	
Frank C. Williams, stock and labor	1 00	
		\$85 85
Unexpended		\$64 15
		\$150 00
Appropriation	\$150 00	

COURT FEES.

Received from Court	\$30 00
Unexpended	30 00

PLEASANT VALLEY STREET RAILWAY.

William H. Niles, Master	\$105 00	
Charles G. Woodbridge, expert testimony	15 48	
Thomas H. Hoyt, service and expense	429 67	
James W. Bailey, expense	25 00	
Guy W. Cox, attorney, one-half cost	31 88	
Thomas H. Hoyt, account Town of Amesbury	36 21	
		\$643 24

No appropriation.

PROSPECT STREET SCHOOL LOTS.

Paid George W. Sargent's Sons		\$231 90
Appropriation	\$200 00	
Overdrawn	31 90	
		\$231 90

ESSEX COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL.

Expense of George Marvin Woodburn	\$3 00
No appropriation.	

MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT.

Merrimac Budget, miscellaneous printing	\$344 10
James W. Bailey, carfare and expense	21 80
Boston Nickel Plating Works, supplies	5 35
American Express Co., express charges	1 65
O. F. Bennett, stock and labor	4 81
George E. Ricker, P. M., box rent and postage	18 82
Hobbs & Warren, supplies	3 70
James Dickens, stock and labor	1 04
Thomas Groom & Co., supplies	5 00
John J. Minahan, serving warrants, carfare, etc.	26 70
O. W. Hargraves, supplies to lockup	60
I. B. Little Co., supplies	3 95
Oliver W. Jordan, carfare, expense and extra work on assessor's book	35 50
J. E. Muldoon, repairs on furnace	2 50
George L. Briggs, treasurer's bond	35 00
A. W. Brownell, supplies	3 50
G. G. Davis, teams for registrars and police	6 75
Commissioner of Corporations, tax return	1 25
Sargent Coal Co., supplies	70 85
Frank E. Bartlett, carfare and expense, extra work on assessor's book	28 45
E. Dean Williams, stock and labor	10 80
Bailey Sargent, insurance	168 41
P. B. Murphy, supplies	1 00
H. H. Story, telephone and toll	33 09
Thomas H. Hoyt, legal services	23 50

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H. W. Hale, expense as collector	29 85	
J. B. Heath, returning deaths	9 00	
F. E. Sweetser, M. D., returning births	4 00	
F. G. Newton, supplies to lockup	3 15	
James C. Pease, expense as treasurer	34 61	
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies ..	96	
A. H. Peirce, M. D., returning births, etc.	4 50	
F. L. Parker, expense tuning piano	2 50	
		\$1,076 04

Appropriation	\$450 00	
Received for rent of hall	110 00	
Received for rent of First National Bank	225 00	
Received on account, hose wagon	50 00	
Received for junk licenses	50 00	
Received from N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	8 00	
Received for sale of wood	1 50	
Received for sale of lamps	1 00	
Overdrawn	180 54	
		\$1,076 04

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Salary and overtime, Hose No. 1.

C. O. Libby	\$15 00
C. E. Wallace	15 00
W. Lewis	15 00
Sherman Grocut	15 00
J. C. Keough	15 00
M. Jennings	15 00
James Flynn	15 00
O. W. Burke	18 25
F. Wiggin	15 00
George Hoyt	15 00
W. Goldsmith	18 25
W. Barlow	3 75
Jere Coty	12 50
J. Mitchell	6 25
F. L. Ward	8 75
P. Hoyt	11 25
C. C. Witham	8 75
H. Hoyt	10 00
W. Grant	7 50
N. Fletcher	6 25
Charles Odione	3 75
A. Cayahan	3 75
E. E. Dorr	9 00
Benjamin Shaw	12 75

\$275 75

Hose No. 2.

F. O. Bailey	\$15 00	
G. H. Gilday	15 00	
R. J. Eaton	15 00	
L. Y. Stevens	15 00	
L. J. Whittier	15 00	
J. W. Currier	15 00	
H. Evans	15 00	
E. Haskell	15 00	
H. M. Ordway	15 00	
F. E. Parker	15 00	
		\$150 00
Nat L. Howe, salary and supplies	\$102 36	
C. C. Witham, salary and overtime	1 25	
J. H. Sayward, supplies	4 15	
Merrimac Budget, printing	8 00	
A. McInnis, teaming	1 25	
C. E. Coleman, labor	1 00	
S. C. Pease & Sons, stock	40	
E. C. Emerson, salary and overtime	5 00	
Boston Woven Hose Co., supplies	155 93	
J. B. Heath, stock and labor	5 39	
Knight & Thomas, supplies	60	
F. C. Williams, stock and labor	2 00	
C. W. Miles, stock and labor	1 50	
I. B. Little Co., supplies	5 30	
Hanscomb Hardware Co., supplies	11 00	
American Express Co., express	1 85	
E. E. Dorr, salary and overtime	8 37	
Charles H. Staples, teaming	75	
Merrimac Plating Works, supplies	90	
Pettengell, Andrews Co., supplies	54 24	
Sargent Coal Co., teams and supplies	60 00	
W. H. Barlow, labor	1 00	
E. P. Sargent, supplies	1 75	
James Dickens, stock and labor	42 25	

J. L. Fales, ladders	19 60	
Fred A. Loud, stock and labor	4 00	
C. S. Woodman, reseating chairs	5 25	
Board of Engineers, salaries	80 00	
J. P. Flynn, janitor central station	85 00	
G. H. Gilday, janitor and supplies, Hose 2	22 25	
Frank E. Wiggin, care of steamer	25 00	
R. J. Eaton, clerk, account J. Welch	3 00	
E. W. Haskell, horses for practice	2 00	
F. W. Carter, horses at fire	5 00	
D. W. Gould, supplies	75	
Merrimac Water Department, supplies	80	
		\$734 39
		\$1,160 14
Unexpended		39 86
		\$1,200 00
Appropriation	\$1,200 00	

FOREST WARDEN.

Sherman Grocut, clerk Hose 1, payroll	\$42 75	
R. J. Eaton, clerk Hose 2, payroll	16 41	
Engineers, payroll	3 25	
Edgar P. Sargent, Forest Warden, payroll	19 32	
F. W. Carter, horses at fire	5 00	
Sargent Coal Co., horses at fire	35 00	
C. C. Witham, Deputy Warden, payroll	13 93	
		\$135 65
No appropriation.		

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

James W. Bailey, superintendent, labor	\$120 25
H. Sargent	1 50
E. Emerson	25 50
E. Goodwin	143 80
T. Grant	9 33
H. Golden	2 00
W. Hule	2 00
C. H. Staples	79 75
L. B. Blaisdell	80 30
G. H. Gilday	151 54
W. S. Tuckwell	6 55
Wm. Morrow	99 67
D. Bunker	155 40
M. Bailey	149 13
A. G. Flower	42 23
R. E. Howison	95 50
R. H. Sargent	72 00
J. K. Sargent	9 00
E. Howison	4 00
H. Goodwin	6 00
S. Bixby Sargent	4 00
J. Doyle	15 78
G. W. Sargents Sons	191 29
J. A. Hoyt	2 70
G. G. Davis	18 90
A. O. Nicol	62 75
Payroll of July 11, 1908	120 97

\$1,671 84

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

I. B. Little, supplies	\$8 22	
Waldo Brothers, supplies	46 10	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	98 47	
Massachusetts Broken Stone Co., stone	158 35	
Good Roads Machinery Co., supplies	9 00	
Sargent Coal Co., supplies	14 25	
J. W. Bailey, supplies	2 89	
F. C. Williams, stock and labor	7 65	
Charles W. Sawyer, stock and labor	9 40	
F. W. Carter, team	50	
A. McInnis, teaming	2 50	
Town of Amesbury, road roller	55 55	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	63 30	
Merrimac Wheel Co., repairs	12 00	
Haverhill Construction Co., repairs on side-walks	35 50	
J. E. Currier, supplies	33 64	
C. W. Miles, supplies	80	
City of Haverhill, 1-6 cost maintenance rock bridge	111 10	
M. S. Gibbs, stock and labor	75	
C. W. Chapman, stock and labor	38 34	
		\$712 06
		\$2,383 90
Appropriation	\$1,400 00	
Received H. & A. St. Ry. excise tax	310 80	
Received L. Grove Cemetery for crushed stone	57 30	
Overdrawn	615 80	
		\$2,383 90

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTHS.

G. G. Davis, superintendent	\$334 34
George Smith	3 00
J. Bannon	69 60
Jere Coty	138 12
F. O. Bailey	2 00
J. P. Flynn	9 25
J. T. Young	270 38
J. Donahue	75 64
Perry Marshall	138 00
L. B. Davis	4 50
C. A. Carter	62 25
J. E. Donahue	24 00
J. E. Abbott	131 00
C. J. Barker	4 80
J. Webister	34 88
M. Webister	30 50
T. W. Keough	37 63
E. A. Howison	10 75
C. Timothy	25 50
Martin Joy	12 75
W. F. Thompson	125 25
A. Collins	24 00
A. G. Flower	6 00
C. George	6 00
T. Grant	50 00
M. Gilmore	62 50
J. Doyle	47 00
J. Yell	67 45

M. Bailey	36 00
G. L. Aldrich	9 50
C. E. Hoyt	75
C. R. McGuire	31 38
J. E. Handley	22 63
	\$1,907 35

Frank E. Bartlett, superintendent, labor	\$74 98
James T. Young, labor	67 00
Richard Ford, labor	58 00
Perry Marshall, labor	70 80
J. Yell, labor	49 65
J. Donahue, labor	65 65
Chester Carter, labor	58 50
Harrison Morse, labor	61 00
C. R. McGuire, labor	55 42
W. F. Thompson, labor	1 00
J. Handley, labor	45 00
E. I. Cate, labor	56 00
G. H. Gilday, labor	22 00
H. Golden, labor	31 00
James Doyle, labor	12 00
W. J. Currier, labor	4 00
	\$732 00

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

American Express Co., express	\$3 45
George E. Ricker, P. M., envelopes and postage	5 62
W. H. Claflin, supplies	43 58
Albert P. Wilson, supplies	14 00

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Wakefield Daily Item, supplies	2 00
W. W. Gormily, supplies	50
Collins Hardware Co., supplies	40 09
Joseph Breck & Sons, supplies	4 50
Ordway Heating Co., supplies	2 50
J. L. Fales, supplies	14 05
Sexton Can Co., supplies	3 00
O. W. Jordan, sending out notices	4 00
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	89
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies	1 20
A. W. Chesterton, supplies	4 50
Merrimac Budget, printing	8 75
Samuel Cabbott, supplies	1 40
Frost Insecticide Co., supplies	2 40
Frank C. Williams, stock and labor	1 00
D. W. Gould, stock and labor	75

\$158 18

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

I. B. Little Co., supplies	\$1 71
J. W. Bailey, supplies	1 88
J. Breck & Sons, supplies	9 53
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies	3 71
G. W. England, supplies	5 95
G. G. Davis, team	22 50
F. E. Bartlett, team	30 50
Merrimac Budget, printing	4 75
D. W. Gould, supplies	1 50
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	2 01
Jenney Mfg. Co., supplies	11 74
Smith & Thayer, supplies	11 45
John Gunning, supplies	1 00

Flora V. Bartlett, clerical work	2 00	
Cleveland Stone Co., supplies	6 50	
F. E. Bartlett, car fare to Boston	2 50	
		\$119 23
		\$2,916 76
Appropriation	\$491 33	
Received and due		
from property owners	235 37	
from State	2,190 06	
		\$2,916 76

CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

George Kittredge, labor in Church St. and Locust Grove Cemeteries	\$9 30	
J. E. Abbott, labor in Church St. Cemetery	2 60	
J. E. Muldoon, labor in Church St. Cemetery	75	
		\$12 65
No appropriation.		

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Henry C. Manning, sealer, labor and supplies	\$92 50	
John J. Hargraves, supplies	1 00	
	\$93 50	
Received for sealing	22 69	
		\$70 81

SIDEWALKS AND CROSSINGS.

Haverhili Construction Co., concrete work		\$366 65
Appropriation	\$200 00	
Received and due from abutters	136 65	
Overdrawn	30 00	
		\$366 65

STATISTICS FROM VALUATION BOOK.

Valuation of real estate	\$980,808 00
Valuation of personal estate	188,213 00
Valuation of resident bank stock	55,680 00
Tax on resident bank stock	1,224 96
Valuation of non-resident bank stock	64,320 00
Tax on non-resident bank stock	1,415 04
Number of persons assessed	1,052
Number of persons assessed on property	743
Number of persons assessed on poll tax only	309
Number of polls assessed	604
Number of polls exempt	43
Tax on polls	\$1,122 00
Number of dwelling houses	553
Number of horses	163
Number of cows	227
Number of sheep	3
Number of neat cattle other than cows	64
Number of swine	27
Rate of taxation per thousand	\$22 00
State tax	2,035 00
County tax	1,590 70
State highway tax	103 79
Total tax assessed	28,065 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Liabilities.

Note due April 7, 1909	\$2,500 00
Note due May 1, 1909	5,000 00
Note due May 2, 1909	5,000 00
Note due May 4, 1909	2,500 00
Note due May 18, 1909	5,000 00
Note due July 15, 1909	2,500 00
Notes additional equipment Electric Light plant	6,000 00
Outstanding bills estimated	100 00
Outstanding orders	26 50
	\$28,626 50

Assets.

Due from State, account State Aid	\$1,456 00
Due from State, account Inspector of Animals	25 00
Due from State, account Poor account	297 61
Due from Boston city, Poor account	26 97
Uncollected taxes	6,850 98
* Orders paid by Treasurer chargeable to acct. 1909,	351 47
Interest paid on above Notes from Jan. 31, 1909 to maturity,	273 07
Due from State and property owners acct. Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths,	638 10
Cash on hand	5,246 38
Massachusetts school fund	868 81
	\$16,034 39
Town debt February 1, 1909	12,592 11
	\$28,626 50

* Had these orders not been recorded in the Treasurer's report it would have increased the cash on hand by the above amount.

OLIVER W. JORDAN;	} Selectmen of Merrimac.
FRANK E. BARTLETT,	
JAMES W. BAILEY,	

State Highway Tax,	103 79	2,425 43	103 79		
Gypsy and Brown Tails,	491 33		2,916 76		
Cemeteries,	No Approp'n.		12 65		12 65
Pleasant Valley R. R.,	No Approp'n.		643 24		643 24
Railing,	200 00		138 92	61 08	
Repairs on Town Hall,	150 00		85 85	64 15	
Sealer of Weights and					
Measures,	No Approp'n.	22 69	93 50		70 81
Prospect Street School Lots,	200 00		231 90		31 90
Vault, Town Office,	200 00		176 80	23 20	
Essex County Training					
School,	No Approp'n.		3 00		3 00
	\$28,912 03	\$6,074 17	\$36,772 35	\$697 03	\$ 2,483 18

TOWN CLERKS REPORT.

BIRTHS.

Number of births returned,		27
Males,	12	
Females,	15	
Father native born,	23	
Mother native born,	22	
Father and mother both native born	19	
Father and mother both foreign born,	2	

MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages recorded,		17
First marriage of groom,	12	
First marriage of bride,	14	
Grooms native born,	15	
Brides native born,	17	
Average age of Groom, 29 years 3 months.		
Average age of bride, 28 years.		

DEATHS

Number of deaths recorded,		47
Males,	27	
Females,	20	
Under 5 years,	5	
Males native born,	25	
Females native born,	18	
Of native parentage,	39	
Of foreign parentage,	5	
Of mixed parentage,	3	
Average age, 54 years 1 month 14 days.		
Oldest person, 86 years 10 months 6 days.		

DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed,		93
Males,	92	
Females,	6	

BAILEY SARGENT,

Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS
MERRIMAC FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Merrimac, Mass., Feb. 1, 1909.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Engineers submit the following report for the year ending on this date:

There has been eleven alarms.

Feb. 13, 1908—Alarm from Box 12 for slight fire in rear of Preble Bros.' store; caused by boys throwing a lighted match in a pile of straw.

April 1, 1908—Alarm from Box 12 for a brush fire in the Oaks, on land owned by John E. Currier.

April 5, 1908—Alarm from Box 12 for brush fire at George Battis', at Highlands.

April 7, 1908.—Alarm from Box 32 for fire in a small building owned by Frank Bailey at Merrimacport; damage about \$25.00.

April 30, 1908—Alarm from Box 12 for brush fire on the Plains.

June 20, 1908—Alarm from Box 21 for fire on Main Street, in rear of tenement occupied by Frank Hale; caused by overheated oil stove. Damage very small.

June 22, 1908—Alarm from Box 26 for fire in pile of bedding straw in barnyard of Mr. Mullin's residence on Bear Hill Street; set by small child of the family living there. The Department responded and the fire was extinguished with chemicals; damage slight.

June 23, 1908—False alarm from Box 13 for an imaginary fire in shop on Grove Street owned by John E. Currier and occupied by Brown & Earl; cause of alarm being steam issuing from the windows.

July 15, 1908—Alarm from Box 4 for a brush fire at Birch Meadow.

Oct. 25, 1908—Alarm from Box 12 for fire in barn of P. A. Lowery at Tucker's Hill. The barn with contents were a total loss and the ell of the house was slightly damaged. The cause of the fire was the overturning of a lighted lantern.

We have purchased 250 feet of hose this year, making 500 feet of new hose now in service. We recommend that each year there be added 250 feet more, and in this manner it will keep us well supplied with good hose.

Hose No. 2 at the Port has been placed in good condition; we have had electric lights installed, and a run placed for the wagon, making the house much more convenient and comfortable.

We recommend the purchasing of two No. 7 Underwriters' Extinguishers, to replace two Star Extinguishers we have now, as these extinguishers are not up to the standard and do not give good satisfaction, and should be condemned.

The apparatus is in good condition, the house and furniture are well kept and presents a very neat and tidy appearance.

We had a chance on the evening of Oct. 25th to test the steamer as we had to lay nearly 1,500 feet of hose from the last hydrant to reach the Birch Meadow Road, and we found that our stream was sufficient to do good work at that point, demonstrating the fact that the steamer could be relied on to meet the demands of the suburban districts.

The fire alarm system is in very poor condition. We have had to use the whistle on Walker's shop during the past nine months, owing to the shutting down of the plant on which the whistle is located; through the day it is not so bad but at night we are practically without means of sounding an alarm, and we recommend that this matter be given prompt attention.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. GROCUT, Chief,
WM. S. TUCKWELL, 1st Asst.,
H. W. HALE, 2nd Asst.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Harry W. Hale, Collector, in Account With the Town of
Merrimac.

Merrimac, Feb. 15, 1909.

DR.

To 1908 tax list and additions	\$27,870 33
Non-resident bank tax	1,415 04
Moth tax	356 28
Excise tax, 1907 and 1908	636 19
Costs received	21 60
Interest received	300 88
Uncollected taxes, 1902	16 37
Uncollected taxes, 1903	105 09
Uncollected taxes, 1904	117 02
Uncollected taxes, 1905	231 02
Uncollected taxes, 1906	1,306 47
Uncollected taxes, 1907	5,375 99
	\$37,752 28

CR.

By cash paid Town Treasurer	\$28,816 47
Discounts	966 53
Abatements, 1903	25 88
Abatements, 1904	50 96
Abatements, 1905	109 35
Abatements, 1906	97 72
Abatements, 1907	261 98
Abatements, 1908	572 41

Uncollected taxes, 1903	39 82
Uncollected taxes, 1904	45 90
Uncollected taxes, 1905	31 13
Uncollected taxes, 1906	709 40
Uncollected taxes, 1907	1,673 94
Uncollected taxes, 1908	3,979 97
Uncollected Gypsy and brown tail moth taxes, 1906	12 71
Uncollected Gypsy and brown tail moth taxes, 1907	53 70
Uncollected Gypsy and brown tail moth taxes, 1908	68 19
Attitash Park	188 98
Due from fireman	47 24
	\$37,752 28

NOTE—Since the closing of the Town Treasurer's books the Collector has received \$473.99, which would reduce the uncollected taxes by that amount.

NOTE—Of the abatements for 1907 and 1908, \$204.69 was reassessed; \$238.50 was on account of the decision of the County Commissioners in the H. M. & A. St. Ry. case; leaving net abatements for 1907 of \$145.48, and \$245.62 for 1908.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 1903.

Bailey, F. P., bal.	\$1 12
Rollins, S.	5 40
Sargent, W. P., heirs	33 30

TAXES OF 1904.

Rollins, S.	\$5 40
Sargent, W. P., heirs	33 30
Corvill, E.	3 60
Nichols, J. A., heirs	3 60

TAXES, 1905.

Rollins, S.	\$6 90
Carvel, E.	2 30
Nichols, J. A., heirs	2 30
Bailey, Moses, bal.	7 62
Patten, Jno.	2 00
Hicks, E. M.	8 05
Richardson, J. C., heirs	1 96

TAXES, 1906.

Bailey, F. P.	\$11 50
Rollins, S.	6 00
Carvel, E.	2 00
Nichols, J. A., heirs	2 00
Hicks, E. M.	7 00
Richardson, J. C., heirs	4 00
Battis, Geo. H., bal.	5 40
Currier, John E., bal.	196 40
Delano, H. O.	201 80
Greely, M., heirs	2 50
Hoyt, Mrs. G. S.	22 00

Noyes, Chas. H.	88 00
Thompson, W. F.	2 00
Tuckwell, C. H.	26 80
Wentworth, C. A.	2 00
Brown, Mrs. J. S.	12 00
Lockrow, D. M.	7 00
Edwards, Geo. T.	11 00

TAXES, 1907.

Bailey, F. P.	\$11 98
Rollins, S.	6 30
Carvill, E.	2 10
Nichols, J. A., heirs	2 10
Patten, Jno.	2 00
Richardson, J. C., heirs	4 20
Battis Geo. H.	15 13
Currier, Jno. E.	469 25
Delano, H. O.	194 67
Greeley, M., heirs	2 63
Hoyt, Mrs. G. S.	28 35
Noyes, Chas. H.	92 30
Shay, Wm. E.	13 55
Thompson, W. F.	2 00
Tremblay, Edw.	24 05
Tuckwell, Chas. H.	28 04
Wentworth, C. A.	2 00
Witham, C. C.	43 27
Brown, Mrs. J. S.	12 60
Evans, C. M.	16 80
Edwards, Geo. T.	11 55
Bremer, Myer	3 47
Collins, A. M.	2 00
Dodge, C. E., bal.	14 95
Elliott, E. B.	2 00
Farrington, O. C., heirs, bal.	25 18
George, Frank P.	2 21
Golden, Hector F.	2 32
Goodwin, T. L., heirs	116 14

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Goodwin and Kendrick	15 75
Hopkins, E. L.	2 42
Holt, J. V., heirs	23 10
Noyes, Chas. A.	2 00
Patten, J. and E.	6 30
Roberts, E. W.	5 15
Sargent, W. W.	2 00
Sargent, R. H., bal.	54 72
Smith, H. P.	23 00
Shebaski, Jas.	13 54
Sargent, Mrs. Ellen	10 50
Wood, S. heirs, bal.	1 32
Whittier, W. S.	2 00
Capon, E.	8 40
Gibson, J. E.	22 05
Kaufman, R.	13 02
Morrill, R. C.	117 60
Peaslee, E.	1 05
Prescott, J. H.	10 50
Hix, Ellar M.	7 35
Wood, Frank H.	53
Attitash Park, taxes	57 78

GIPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTH TAXES, 1906.

Bailey, F. P.	39
Lockrow, D. M.	1 75
Currier, J. E.	1 05
Poor, R. S., heirs	7 00
Allison, heirs	2 52

1907.

Blodgett, W. H.	3 50
Currier, J. E.	25
Welch, W.	25
Dodge, C. E.	75
Davis, J., heirs	25

Eldrige, W. L.	1 00
Goodwin, T. L., est.	1 25
Gibson, J. E.	3 00
Holt, J. V., heirs	1 25
Shay, W. E.	25
Wood, S. heirs	85
Kaufman, R.	85
Noyes, C. H.	1 22
Rollins, Sarah	50
Stewart, J. F.	50
Sawyer, Abbott, est.	6 94
Sawyer, C. W.	1 41
Judkins and Delano, sidewal k.	8 52
Goodwin, T. L., est.	20 78

 UNCOLLECTED TAXES, 1908.

Abbott, Daniel O.	\$2 00
Abbott, James E.	2 00
Allison, Irving R.	2 00
Allison, Willard S.	2 00
Allison, Mrs. Geo., heirs	17 60
Available Hd. Fibre Co.	177 10
Bailey, Laban N.	26 40
Bailey, Geo. H.	2 00
Bailey, Franklin P.	12 45
Barlow, Jas.	2 00
Bartlett, Eugene R.	2 00
Baptist Society	39 60
Battis, Geo.	17 77
Bauvis, Jas. E.	11 90
Betts, Frank W.	2 00
Blotner, Moses	19 60
Bridges, Chas. S. C.	28 40
Burke, Orin W.	28 95
Burns, M.	2 00
Bushlong, Edw.	2 00

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Bushlong, W. R.	2 00
Casavant, A	2 00
Caswell, H. W.	2 00
Cowell, Mrs. A. B.	76 01
Cowell, Edwin H.	2 00
Cate, Emily	2 00
Coiby, Jos. W.	37 31
Connor, Timothy, heirs	19 36
Conealous, John	2 00
Cooper, James	33 90
Coombs, Perley R.	21 80
Cronning, J. W. B.	2 00
Clough, Henry W.	2 00
Currier, John E.	4 40
Currier, John E.	521 20
Delano, H. O.	203 85
Dodge, Geo. A.	5 30
Dodge, Cora E.	20 90
Dubrill, Eugene	2 00
England, Geo. W.	90 20
Eldridge, Wallace L.	20 70
Eldridge, Cyrus W.	2 00
Elliott, E. B.	2 00
Elliott, Phin., heirs	18 70
Farrington, O. C., heirs	37 40
Finn, Wm.	57 55
Foster, Howe and Cleary	26 40
Farren, Robert	12 45
Frost, Elmer	2 00
Grim, Sarah A.	12 10
George, Chas. H.	2 00
Goodwin, Allen F.	2 00
Goodwin, T. L., est.	121 39
Goodwin, Hayden, T.	2 00
Goodwin and Kendrick	16 50
Gould, J. Morrill	53 15
Gould, E. P.	2 00
Greely, Thos. C.	2 00

Greenwood, J. H.	2 00
Gibson, John E.	27 41
Hopkins, Geo. L.	2 00
Hobson, Geo. M.	2 00
Heron, Gertrude	22 00
Howe, N. L.	25 10
Hoyt, Gilman S.	2 00
Hoyt, Mrs. Gilman S.	29 70
Howison, R. A.	2 00
Howison, R. E.	69 76
Howard, Jos.	2 00
Hume, Aaron	2 00
Holt, J. B., heirs	24 20
Henderson, S. A.	2 00
Harvey, Walter A.	2 00
Jackman, Mrs. C. S.	25 30
Jackson, William	2 00
Jenkins, Frank E.	2 00
Jones, James T.	12 10
Judkins, Fred B., balance	114 40
Judkins, Chas. H., balance	55 00
Kidder, Eugene D.	2 00
Kelley, W. B.	87 25
Kendrick, Geo. F.	2 00
Kendrick, Sarah F.	17 60
Kinsman, A. O.	38 96
Larkin, Oliver W.	22 90
Lee, Richard	2 00
Lonard, P. S., heirs	30 80
Leonard, Patrick D.	2 00
Leonard, William S.	2 00
Little, E. C.	74 71
Loud, Fred A.	134 00
McCray, Alec	2 00
McCray, W. H.	2 00
McWade, Annie	22
McNannie, Mary	26 95
Millbury, Victor	2 00

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Miner, Lewis E.	2 00
Macy, Frank H.	2 00
Merrill, Frances C.	5 28
Noyes, Chas. A.	2 00
Noyes, Chas. H.	96 60
Parker, Albert, est.	22 00
Putnam, Geo. T.	2 00
Patten, Jno.	2 00
Patten, Mrs. Margaret	5 50
Patten, J. and E.	6 60
Pettigrew, F. O., heirs	9 90
Paul, Elbridge, est.	7 70
Poyen Francett	37 40
Roberts, Walter S.	2 00
Rollins, Sarah	6 60
Sargent, W. W.	35 00
Sargent, T. Monroe	9 15
Sargent, Ralph H.	104 30
Sargent, Olando	2 00
Sargent, Mrs. Ellen	11 00
Sawyer, C. Everett, est.	1 10
Shay, Wm. E.	14 10
Sarubilman, Vrial	17 18
Sherridan, Jno., heirs	17 16
Simmons, Fred	5 85
Simmons, Austin H.	3 65
Smith, Hiram P.	24 00
Sullivan, Daniel F.	41 60
Stacey, Henry C.	15 18
Sayre, Ida L.	93 50
Thompson, Willard F.	2 00
Tibbetts, C. M.	2 00
Travers, Michael	19 60
Travers, M. J.	2 00
Tremblay, Edw. J.	25 10
Truckwell, Chas. H.	29 28
Vicaro, Salvatore	2 00
Webster, Est. Mrs. A. M.	12 10

Wentworth, Chester A.	2 00
Wentworth, Geo. H.	13 97
Whittier, Walter S.	2 00
Witham, Carl C.	43 48
Wood, Est. Samuel	6 60
Wood, W. A.	15 40
Woodburn, Edw.	2 00
Woodburn, Warren T.	2 00
Woodburn, Jno. J.	2 00
Whittier, Howard	2 00

Non-Resident.

Brown, Mrs. J. S.	\$13 20
Blodgett, W. H.	74 80
Capen, Edw. W.	8 80
Currier, Wm. M.	13 75
Connor, Charles	12 10
Colburn, Edw. S.	4 95
Carville, Ezekiel	2 20
Davis Heirs, James	2 45
Evans, Charles M.	17 60
Ellison, Edgar	3 85
Edwards, Geo. T.	12 10
Hubbard, J. C.	9 35
Greely Heirs, Mrs. Michael	2 75
Hoyt, Edw. W.	6 60
Harriman, Wm. J.	17 60
Hoyt, Frank P.	66
Hix, Ella M.	7 70
Jerauld, Chas. J.	16 50
Kaufman, Rebecca	13 64
Knapp, Carroll S.	12 10
Kimball, Geo. W.	7 70
Lockrow, D. M.	7 70
Mace, Carrie O.	4 62
Morse, Wm. M.	22 55

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Neal, Addie J.	4 95
Nichols Heirs, J. N.	2 20
Prescott, J. H.	11 00
Richardson Heirs, Jno.	4 40
Sargent, Everett O.	6 60
Sawyer Est., Abbott	84 70
Starrett, Mrs. D. W.	8 25
Tewhill Heirs, Thos.	3 52
Townsend, E. J.	2 20
True, Frank B.	1 10
Young, Lewis	24 20
Attitash Park	131 20

Gypsy and Brown-tail Moth.

Atwood, Jessie	50
Bridges, Chas. S. C.	25
Blodgett, Wm. H.	2 75
Blotman, Moses	2 75
Cheney, Est., M'port	50
Currier, J. E.	2 00
Connell, Mrs. A. B.	55
Connor, Est. T. J.	2 63
Davis, Daniel	1 00
Finn, William	50
Goodwin, T. L.	3 38
Gunnison, Est.	1 65
Haswell Land Co.	2 25
Hunt, Mrs. Geo. B.	1 10
Heron, Gertrude J.	1 10
Hubbard, J. C.	38
Leonard, Est., P. S.	25
Lockrow, D. M.	1 75
McNannie, Mary	63
McFarlin, J. W.	25
Murry, J. H. & J. D.	13 20
Noyes, C. H.	25

Noon, Est., Margaret	3 00
Pettigrew Heirs, F. O.	3 00
Parker, Fred E.	50
Rose, Maude	1 75
Sargent, Everett O.	1 25
Sawyer, Est., Abbott	12 95
Sheridan Heirs, Jno.	1 00
Witham, Carl C.	1 10
Wood, Est., Samuel	69
Short, James H.	2 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

James C. Pease, Treasurer, in Account With the Town of
Merrimac.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, Feb. 12, 1908	\$2,563 42
Town notes, anticipation of taxes	49,360 24

TREASURER OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Corporation tax	1,350 74
Nat'l Bank tax	119
State Aid	1,250
Burial Indigent Soldiers & Sailors	37
Gypsy & Brown Tail Moths	1,787 42
Compensation of Inspector Animals	25
	\$4,569 16

SELECTMEN.

Refund on acct. soldiers' relief	193 50
Refund on acct. poor	41 50
Junk licenses	50 00
On acct. sale hose wagon	50 00
Overdraft on Jan. State Aid	4 00
Sale wood Church St. cemetery	1 50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	8 00
Am't orders drawn on other banks	640 46
Sale street lamps	1 00
	\$989 96

Interest on deposit	\$106 90
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LIGHT DEPARTMENT.

Balance loan Jan. 8, 1908	\$2,508 15	
Premium on notes	110 00	
Refund on acct. int. on loan	330 00	
		\$2,948 15

Water department, balance acct. order charged Selectmen		\$2 25
City of Boston on acct. poor		119 49
B. F. Smith, janitor, rent Sargent Hall		110 00
G. G. Davis, Supt., B. T. moths, private work		39 05
H. C. Manning, Sealer, fees		22 69
Geo. W. Cate, court fees		30 00
First Nat'l Bank, rent		225 00
J. S. Clement on acct. 1907 taxes		594 16
Harry W. Hale, Collector		28,816 47

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Treasurer of the Commonwealth,		
Account Superintendent of Schools, 1908	\$500 00	
Tuition of state children	208 56	
		\$708 56

School Committee		
Bill paid twice 1907	\$2 56	
Materials sold	6 85	
Refund on account fence	14 43	
		\$23 84

Treasurer of Essex County		
Dog licenses refunded		\$149 82
Town of Amesbury tuition		\$80 00

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LIGHT DEPARTMENT.

Town appropriation 1908	\$2,729 70
Water department, fuel	1,164 60
Light Board	5,268 93
	\$9,163 23
	\$100,622 39

EXPENDITURES.

Treasurer of the Commonwealth	
State tax	\$2,035 00
National Bank tax	1,457 46
State Highway tax	103 79
	\$3,596 25
Treasurer of Essex County	
County tax	\$1,590 70
Selectmen's orders	
Miscellaneous bills paid	\$20,772 39
State aid	1,456 00
Notes	45,500 00
Interest	1,471 22
	\$69,199 61

LIGHT DEPARTMENT.

Light Board orders	
Miscellaneous bills paid	\$10,715 49
Light Bond No. 4	500 00
Interest coupons	370 00
	\$11,585 49

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

School orders	
Miscellaneous bills paid	\$9,507 54
	\$9,507 54
Water Board order	\$2 25
Balance on hand Feb. 16	\$5,140 55
	\$100,622 39

The following shows the amount of the bonds and notes that make up the town indebtedness, with their times of maturity and rates of interest.

Bonds, Water at 4 per cent	\$84,000 00
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Nos. 1 to 24 inclusive, at \$500 each, maturing one each year from July 15, 1909, to July 15, 1932, respectively.

Nos 25 to 96 inclusive, at \$1,000 each, maturing July 15, 1909 (Nos. 25, 26, 27), July 15, 1910; (Nos. 28, 29, 30) etc., three bonds each consecutive year until July 15, 1932 (Nos. 94, 95, 96.)

Bonds, Electric Light at 4 per cent	\$9,000 00
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Nos. 4 to 32 inclusive, at \$500 each, maturing one each year from July 15, 1909, to July 15, 1926, respectively.

Notes, additional equipment to Electric Light Plant at 4 per cent	\$6,000 00
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Nos. 1 to 10 inclusive, at \$600 each, maturing one each year from Jan. 5, 1910, to Jan. 5, 1919, respectively.

Notes, anticipation of taxes	\$22,500 00
Note due April 7, 1909	\$2,500 00
Note due May 1, 1909	5,000 00
Note due May 2, 1909	5,000 00
Note due May 4, 1909	2,500 00
Note due May 18, 1909	5,000 00
Note due July 15, 1909	2,500 00
	22,500 00

NOTES AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Notes.

Amount borrowed the past year in anticipation of the taxes of 1908	\$22,500 00
Amount of anticipation of taxes, notes of previous years renewed	\$17,500 00
Amount of anticipation of taxes, notes of this year renewed	\$10,000 00
	\$50,000 00
Amount paid the past year on anticipation of taxes notes of 1908	\$5,000 00
Amount paid on previous year notes	\$12,500 00
Amount paid on notes of 1908 by renewal	10,000 00
Amount paid on previous year's notes by renewal	17,500 00
	\$45,000 00

Note of Feb. 16, 1901, acct. of macadamizing Main St. \$500 00

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INTEREST.

Amount of interest paid the past year has been	\$1,471 22
Average rate 4 per cent.	
Amount of interest received	216 90
	\$1,254 32

WATER DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 8, 1908		\$62 88
Town appropriation 1908	\$3,230 50	
Light Dept., fuel, etc.	1,566 39	
Water Board	3,654 64	
		8,501 53
		8,564 41

EXPENDITURES.

Interest on bonds	\$3,360 00	
Orders of Water Board	5,117 75	
		8,477 75
Balance on hand Feb. 12		86 66
		\$8,564 41

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MERRIMAC PUBLIC LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 8, 1908		\$52 74
Town appropriation, 1908	\$400 00	
Wm. B. Sargent, Sec., sale books	9 69	
Louise C. Brackett, fines, cards, catalogues	26 94	
		436 63
		\$489 37

EXPENDITURES.

Orders of Library Trustees	\$470 20
Balance on hand Feb. 12	19 17
	\$489 37

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 8, 1908	\$907 82
Treasurer of the Commonwealth	868 81
	\$1,776 63

EXPENDITURES.

Orders of School Committee	\$907 82
Balance on hand Feb. 12	868 81
	\$1,776 73

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

 Dr.

Eliza M. Sawyer Trust Fund	\$114 00
Balance of interest unexpended	2 02
Emily S. Goodwin Fund	250 00
Balance of interest unexpended	39 85
John L. and Sophia Merrill Fund	200 00
Balance of interest unexpended	6 07
M. E. Sargent Fund	100 00
Balance of interest unexpended	22 09
Moses Goodrich Fund	100 00
Balance of interest unexpended	2 06
W. A. Paine Fund	50 00
Balance of interest unexpended	48
J. E. Prescott Fund	125 00
Rhoda S. Poore Fund	300 00
Rhoda S. Poore Fund	200 00
Otis W. Little Fund	100 00

Cr.

Balance per books Nos. 4119, 4149, 4205, 3335, 4432, 4450, 4679, 4683, 4684, 4713 in Merrimac Savings Bank	\$1,611 57
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Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. PEASE,

Treasurer.

Report of Trustees of Cemeteries.

PERPETUAL CARE OF LOTS.

Under Massachusetts Laws, Revised Statutes, 1902, Chap. 78,
Sec. 24.

OF CEMETERIES AND BURIALS.

A town in which Cemetery Commissioners or Trustees are chosen may receive gifts or bequests for maintaining cemeteries or cemetery lots, which shall be paid into the town treasury of said town and with the accounts thereof, shall be kept separate from the other money and accounts of said town; the town treasurer shall invest all such funds in accordance with the stipulations, if any accompany them; otherwise he shall invest them as ordered by the Selectmen and Commissioners or Trustees, and pay the income therefrom upon their order, or with their approval.

The income only can be used under this law.

Eliza M. Sawyer fund for the care of the T.

C. Sawyer lot in the Church Street
Cemetery, \$114.00 deposited in Merri-
mac Savings Bank, Book No. 4,119.

Unexpended balance, 1907	\$9 51
Income to October Dividend, 1908	4 96
	\$14 47
Care and expense paid by Trustees, 1908	12 45
Available balance for 1909	\$2 02

John L. and Sophia A. Merrill fund for the care of the John L. Merrill lot in the Church Street Cemetery, \$200.00 deposited in Merrimac Savings Bank, Book No. 4,205.

Unexpended balance, 1907	\$3 62
Income to October Dividend, 1908	8 20
	\$11 82
Care and expense paid by Trustees, 1908	5 65
Available balance for 1909	\$6 17

Mrs. Thomas E. Poyen fund for care of Moses Goodrich and Poyen lot in Church St. Cemetery, \$100.00 deposited in Merrimac Savings Bank, Book No. 4,432.

Unexpended balance, 1907	\$1 63
Income to October Dividend, 1908	4 08
	\$5 71
Care and expense paid by Trustees, 1908	3 65
Available balance for 1909	\$2 06

Emily S. Goodwin fund for care of Patten Sargent lot in the Lower Main Street Cemetery, \$250.00, deposited in Merrimac Savings Bank, Book No. 4,149.

Unexpended balance, 1907	\$32 47
Income to October Dividend, 1908	11 40
	\$43 87
Care and expense paid by Trustees, 1908	4 00
Available balance for 1909	\$39 87

M. E. Sargent fund for the care of Jonathan Sargent lot in Lower Corner Cemetery, income only to be used, \$100.00, deposited in Merrimac Savings Bank, Book No. 3,335.

Unexpended balance, 1907	\$21 21
Income to October Dividend, 1908	4 88
	\$26 09
Care and expense paid by Trustees, 1908	4 00
Available balance for 1909	\$22 09

William A. Paine fund for care of Henry Sargent lot, adjoining Patten Sargent lot in Lower Corner Cemetery, \$50.00 deposited in Merrimac Savings Bank, Book No. 4,450.

Unexpended balance, 1907	\$ 46
Income to October Dividend, 1908	2 02
	\$2 48
Care paid by Trustees, 1908	2 00
Available balance for 1909	\$ 48

NEW PERPETUAL CARE OF LOTS, 1908.

George L. Batchelder fund for care of J. E. Prescott lot No. 6 in section A in Locust Grove Cemetery, \$125 00, deposited in Merrimac Savings Bank, October, 1908, Book No. 4679. To be cared for in 1909.

Rhoda S. Poore fund for care of D. J. Poore lot No. 5 in section A Locust Grove Cemetery, \$300 00. Deposited in Merrimac Savings Bank, October, 1908, Book No. 4683. To be cared for in 1909.

Rhoda S. Poore fund for care of Frederick Sargent lot in Church Street Cemetery, \$200 00. Deposited in Merrimac Savings Bank, October, 1908, Book No. 4684. To be cared for in 1909.

Otis W. Little fund for care of the family lot No. 3 in section A in Locust Grove Cemetery, \$100 00. Deposited in Merrimac Savings Bank, October, 1908, Book No. 4713. To be cared for in 1909.

The Trustees have decided to have all perpetual care lots marked in a desirable manner as soon as the funds will admit of it.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. G. LARKIN, Supt.,
CHAS. A. LANCASTER,
C. E. ROWELL,

Cemetery Trustees.

CHURCH STREET AND LOWER CORNER CEMETERIES.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

MEMORANDUM.

DR.

Oct. 1908. To cash received for wood	\$1 50
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CR.

To cash paid J. C. Pease, treasurer	\$1 50
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MEMORANDUM.

CR.

1908.

May 4. George Kittredge, labor	\$3 30
May 4. J. E. Abbott, labor	2 60
J. Muldoon, labor	75
July. George Kittredge,	4 00
Sept. George Kittredge,	2 00

\$12 65

DR.

To Selectmen's orders on Town Treasurer	\$12 65
No appropriation.	

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. G. LARKIN, Supt.,
CHAS. A. LANCASTER,
C. E. ROWELL,
Cemetery Trustees.

LOCUST GROVE CEMETERY.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Merrimac:

1908.

DR.

To balance on hand as per last report	\$53 63
June. Cash from sale of lot	25 00
June. Cash from sale of lot	25 00
June. Cash from sale of lot	25 00
July. Cash from sale of lot	25 00
July. Cash from sale of lot	25 00
Nov. Cash from sale of lot	25 00

\$203 63

1908.

CR.

Apr. Cash paid George Kittredge, labor	\$4 60
Apr. Cash paid J. E. Abbott, labor	3 60
May. Cash paid J. E. Abbott, labor	3 60
May. Cash paid George Kittredge, labor	8 80
May. Cash paid Austin Sawyer, labor	9 60
May. Cash paid George T. Putnam, labor	7 00
May. Cash paid G. G. Davis, teaming	7 00

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May. Cash paid A. Stewart, labor	7 40	
Aug. to Dec. Cash paid G. G. Davis, team work	3 90	
Sept. to Dec. Cash paid Arthur Stewart, labor	5 30	
Sept. to Dec. Cash paid Geo. Kittredge, labor	11 80	
Sept. to Dec. Cash paid Austin Sawyer, labor	1 10	
Dec. Cash paid Howard Carter, labor	80	
Dec. Cash paid William Morrow, labor	3 30	
Dec. Cash paid Zenas Lovell & Co., grass seed	1 85	
Dec. Cash paid painting tomb doors and stock	75	
Jan. 1909. Cash paid George Kittredge, labor	1 10	
Jan. 1909. Cash paid Howard Carter, labor	50	
Jan. 1909. Cash paid G. G. Davis, team	90	
Jan. 1909. Cash paid trustees' bill for sundries and clerical work	5 25	
		\$88 15
Feb., 1909. Cash paid Town of Merrimac for crushed stone		57 30
		\$145 45
Deposit in First National Bank		58 18
		\$203 63
Contingent fund in Merrimac Savings Bank	\$500 96	

Respectfully submitted,

G. G. LARKIN, Supt.
C. A. LANCASTER,
C. E. ROWELL,
Cemetery Trustees.

REPORT OF

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen :—

The members of your board and the merchants of the town are well aware of the change in the law in regard to the duties of the sealer of weights and measures, but the voters of the town perhaps are not. Therefore, I think they are entitled to a few words of explanation as to why the expense in this department has jumped from \$12 or \$15 per year to the neighborhood of \$100. The new law which went into effect in October, 1907, places this department in the class with many others, where the state says what shall be done and then generously allows the town to pay the bills. Under the new law the sealer not only has to seal the weights and measures of the town, but is required to accurately measure each and every milk bottle in use in the town; make inspections of the milk wagons to see that there are not any bottles being used which have not been sealed, also to make frequent inspections of the stores and reweigh all goods which the merchants for their own convenience

put up in advance; also to reweigh at frequent intervals loads of coal on their way to the consumer; inspect all peddlers' teams driving into the town to make sure they are living up to the law. Not only the manner in which the state requires this work to be done, but their exacting requirements as to what tools and materials the sealer shall have to work with, greatly increase the expense in this department. One of their requirements in this respect is that the town furnish their sealer with an office centrally located. This expense, which would certainly be not less than \$50 or \$75 per year, I have saved by using my own office for this purpose, but there is one or two other matters which I have managed to postpone for the present, but which will no doubt have to come, in all probability this year, namely, a set of trial balances which will cost from \$35 to \$50 and a half dozen 50-pound weights at about \$2.50 apiece. Unfortunately, there was no appropriation made for this department at our last town meeting, and the funds to carry it on have had to be taken from some other department. Therefore, I would respectfully suggest that there be an appropriation of \$100 made at our next town meeting for this department, which, as near as I can estimate, will be the expense for the coming year. Following is a report of the work done by the sealer of weights and measures the fees for which I have received and turned over to the Town Treasurer. All milk bottles are sealed at the expense of the town:

Platform scales, over 5,000 pounds	5
Platform scales, under 5,000 pounds	12
Computing scales	6

All other scales	19
Number of weights	79
Dry measures	30
Dry measures condemned	3
Liquid measures	28
Oil pumps	2
Milk bottles	3,781
Milk bottles condemned	788

Fees collected	\$22 69
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Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. MANNING,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

POLICE REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit the annual report of the Police Department for the year ending Jan. 31, 1909.

Number of arrests	20
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Charged as follows:

Drunk	8
Disturbing the peace	3
Lewd and lascivious cohabitation	2
Assault	2
Insane	2
Evading car fare	2
Profane language	1

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. MINAHAN,

Chief of Police.

Merrimac, Mass., Jan. 31, 1909.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—The report of Sargent Hall is as follows: From Feb. 1, 1908, to Jan. 31, 1909, the hall was opened 39 times, 19 of which were free openings.

Received for rent	\$110 00
Paid Town Treasurer, James C. Pease	110 00

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. SMITH, Janitor.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MERRIMAC PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

Your trustees are pleased to report an increased patronage of the library during the past year, the total circulation of books being rising six hundred greater than last year. This, of course, shows an increased interest in the library. The additions to the library during the year have included a good amount of fiction by the best modern authors, quite a little of biography, and a good amount of travel, and descriptive literature. We would call the attention of the lovers of travels to the Burton Holmes books added during the year. These books are beautifully illustrated, are very readable, and contain a vast amount of valuable information.

During the year ending Feb. 1st the library has been opened 98 times.

There have been circulated a total number of 9056 books during the year.

The largest daily delivery was 160 and the average daily circulation was 95.

The following is the monthly circulation :

Feb.	737	August	620
March	700	Sept.	764
April	751	Oct.	947
May	740	Nov.	800
June	573	Dec.	869
July	562	Jan.	993

The additions for the year have been 158 volumes, viz. purchased by the trustees 118, presented by the Commonwealth 26, presented by the U. S. Government 6, presented by Merrimac Budget 1, by Bailey Sargent 1, by Mrs. McNair 1, by Geo. L. Raymond, author, 3, by Men of Salt Lake City 1, by Railway News Bureau 1.

In order to maintain the efficiency of the library, we would ask for an appropriation of \$400, the same as last year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. SAWYER,
JAMES F. PEASE,
THOMAS H. HOYT,
GEO. E. RICKER,
CHAS. W. CUTTS,
W. B. SARGENT,
Trustees.

W. B. SARGENT, Secretary.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance on hand	\$52 74	
Rec'd. for books sold	9 69	
Rec'd. for fines	25 64	
Rec'd. for cards	70	
Rec'd. for catalogues	60	
Town appropriation	400 00	
		\$489 37
Paid for books	\$162 77	
Librarian, salary and supplies	200 85	
Magazines	30 40	
Heating rooms	25 00	
Printing	16 41	
Binding	20 90	
Express, postage and supplies	13 87	
Balance on hand	19 17	
		\$489 37

Schedule of the property of the Merrimac Public Library from which income is derived:

Real Estate, James Whittier bequest	\$350 00
A. E. Goodwin fund with interest to October, 1908	257 36

ARTICLES IN WARRANT

FOR THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1909.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To give in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, One Selectman, who shall be Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for three years, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, One School Committeeman for three years, One Trustee of Cemetery for three years, Two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, One Commissioner of the Water Board for three years, One Commissioner of Municipal Light Board for three years, Three Constables, Three Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark, Three Fence Viewers, Three Field Drivers, One Tree Warden, One Auditor of Accounts; Also to give in their votes on the same ballots YES or NO, on the question, Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? Also to give in their votes on seperate ballots, YES or NO, in answer to the question, Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and eight entitled "An Act to provide for the protection of forest or sprout lands from fire," be ac-

cepted by this town? In voting under this article the polls will be open at six in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

ARTICLE 3. To fix the time for the payment of taxes and see what discount, if any, the town will allow for the prompt payment of taxes; also to fix compensation of the Collector.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will authorize its Collector of taxes to use all means of collecting taxes which a town treasurer may use when appointed a collector of taxes in accordance with section 78, chapter 25, of the Revised Laws.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to end its fiscal year December 31st instead of January 31st, and begin January 1st.

ARTICLE 6. To determine what sum of money shall be raised to defray necessary and usual charges and expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

ARTICLE 7. To see what action the town will take in regard to fixing the salaries of Town Officers.

ARTICLE 8. To see what action the town will take in regard to charging interest on uncollected taxes.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, or a majority thereof, to borrow during the municipal year beginning February 1, 1909, in anticipation of the collection of taxes of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the town therefor payable within one year from the dates thereof. All debts incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to accept the bequest of the late Judith Kimball and make provisions for the same.

ARTICLE 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to issuing licenses to Hawkers and Pedlers.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will at this meeting, appoint a committee to bring in a list of names for Town Officers to be voted on at the caucus for the nomination of Town Officers for 1910.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Light and Water Departments, Selectmen and School Departments.

Outstanding orders per last report \$163 79

Orders drawn this year:

Selectmen	\$66,500 59
Light Department	13,846 26
Water Department	8,417 90
School Department	10,294 50

\$99,059 25

The Treasurer has paid outstanding
orders of last year

\$163 79

Orders of this year:

Selectmen	\$66,477 09
Light Department	13,846 26
Water Department	8,414 90
School Department	10,294 50

\$99,032 75

Outstanding orders

\$26 50

Memorandum of outstanding orders:

Water Department.

No. 933 \$3 00

Selectmen's Department.

No. 1788 23 50

\$26 50

These figures do not agree with those of the Treasurer, submitted in his report, from the fact that he did not close his books until after the other departments were closed, and had paid orders chargeable to accounts of the year 1909.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. RUSSELL, Auditor.

February 17th, 1909.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Water Commissioners herein submit their fifth annual report for the year ending January 31st, 1909.

During the year we have laid 27 service pipes, making a total of 359 laid to date; we have added 2 other services, making a total of 397 services; there are 20 single services shut off and 13 double services where only one is being used.

The system of paying for the fuel by the light department according to the amount consumed as used in the past proved unreliable. This year the light department has purchased the fuel and charged the water department 30 per cent of the fuel purchased, which we think will prove more satisfactory.

All bills for fuel between the two departments have been settled, and there are no fuel bills owed by either, as was the case last year. The pumping record shows that we have pumped 38,555,808 gallons of water during the year.

The receipts from water takers the past year amount to \$3,377.43, but considering the large number of services shut off at the present time, we think that \$3,300.00 would be a fair estimate for the coming year.

ESTIMATES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR EXPENSE.

CONSTRUCTION.

For service pipes, supplies and labor	\$350 00
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MAINTENANCE.

For bond payments	\$3,500 00
For interest payments	3,290 00
For fuel, oil and waste	1,200 00
Station wages	950 00
Salaries	587 50
Miscellaneous	600 00
	\$10,477 50

RECEIPTS ESTIMATED.

Cash on hand	\$133 66
From water takers	3,300 00
From light department for rent of station	300 00
We recommend that the town appropriate for water in municipal buildings, hydrants, water- ing troughs, cemeteries and street sprinkling standpipes.	1,775 00
And balance for construction and maintenance	4,968 84
	\$10,477 50

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

MERRIMAC WATER ANALYSIS.

(Parts in 100,000)

Subject to Correction.

Number	DATE OF		APPEARANCE.			Residue on Evaporation	AMMONIA.		Chlorine	NITROGEN AS		Oxygen Consumed	Hardness	Iron
	Collection	Exam'tion	Turbidity	Sediment	Color		Free	Albu-minoid		Nitrates	Nitrites			
71541	Apr. 29		None.	None.	.00	5.60	.0002	0012	.54	.0480	.0000	.00	1.8	.0020
72577	May 1		None.	None.	.00	5.30	.0006	.0004	.55	.0500	.0000	.00	1.7	.0040
73692	July 8		None.	None.	.00	6.10	.0006	.0010	.53	.0420	.0000	.00	2.0	.0050
75086	Aug. 27	31	None.	None.	.00	5.50	.0000	.0018	.56	.0500	.0000	.00	1.7	.0030
75974	Nov. 4	6	None.	None.	.00	5.40	.0004	.0014	.56	.0440	.0000	.00	2.0	.0030
	Dec. 28	30	None.	None.	.00									

No odor either cold or hot.

COST OF CONSTRUCTION.

	Cost to Jan. 31, 1908		Total
	Additions to Jan. 31, 1909		
Pumping station	\$6,631 74		\$6,631 74
Boilers	3,473 70		3,473 70
Pumping machinery	5,889 06		5,889 06
Coal shed	339 60		339 60
Road to station	272 00		272 00
Suction pipe system	2,369 86		2,369 86
Pipe line	24,778 33		24,778 33
Pipe laying	11,982 03		11,982 03
Clearing ground at station	620 08		620 08
Stand pipe	6,165 21		6,165 21
Expense Investigating Com.	2,344 12		2,344 12
Meters	3,034 90	\$40 00	3,074 90
Engineering	3,000 00		3,000 00
Express and freight	245 99		245 99
Salaries	1,500 00		1,500 00
Miscellaneous	961 93		961 93
Expense on land taken for water supply	3,475 34		3,475 34
Laying service pipe, less amounts received from property owners, sale of meter and Light Dept. for team and labor	4,630 84	409 76	5,040 60
	\$81,714 73	\$449 76	\$82,164 49

PIPE AND FITTINGS ON HAND.

1,813 lbs. 12-inch pipe	\$20 85
2,800 lbs. 10-inch pipe	32 12
2,160 lbs. 8-inch pipe	25 36
9,010 lbs. 6-inch pipe	107 77
480 lbs. 4-inch pipe	5 00
1 6-inch tee	5 40
2 12-inch sleeves	9 60
2 10-inch sleeves	7 40
3 6-inch sleeves	6 54
2 8-inch sleeves	6 56
2 12-inch plugs	3 25
1 10-inch plug	1 29
18 6-inch plugs	11 29
1 2-way and steamer hydrant	25 72
120 ft. 1½-inch cement lined pipe	18 00
200 ft. 1-inch cement lined pipe	20 00
Other pipe on hand	7 83
3 gate boxes	6 00
Tools and other material	85 00

\$404 98

CONSTRUCTION.

SERVICE PIPE.

Walworth Mfg. Co., pipe and fitting	\$185 01
E. W. Roberts, supplies and labor	69
N. L. Howe, supplies	40
G. G. Davis, team for the year	92 75
Bion Green, Agent, freight	3 25
Coffin Valve Co., service boxes	48 00
W. A. Bailey, supt., pay roll	314 65
A. McInnis & Son, trucking	1 15
F. G. Newton, gasolene	50
O. F. Bennett, stock and labor	18 25
National Meter Co., meter connection	9 60
Am. Express Co., expressage	3 55
Kempton Co., supplies	1 25
National Meter Co., 1 1 1-2in. meter	40 00
C. W. Chapman, supplies	2 25
E. H. Alexander, supplies	50
F. C. Williams, sharpening tools	1 20

\$723 00

MAINTENANCE.

OIL AND WASTE.

G. P. Anderson, oil and waste	\$147 94	
A. G. Sturdivant, trucking	1 40	
A. McInnis & Son, trucking	1 50	
Bion Green, Agent, freight	4 79	
		\$155 63

SALARIES.

W. A. Bailey, superintendent	\$550 00	
W. A. Bailey, commissioner	12 50	
George T. Walker, commissioner	12 50	
J. L. Howe, commissioner	12 50	
		\$587 50

FUEL.

Water Department, fuel	\$1,164 60	
Sargent Coal Co., fuel, 1907	884 13	
		\$2,048 73

INTEREST.

J. C. Pease, treasurer, interest on bonds	\$3,360 00	
		\$3,360 00

STATION WAGES.

T. C. Story, engineer	\$253 50
F. W. Fiske, engineer	668 57
C. Wentworth, labor	6 00
L. M. Swett, labor	3 00

\$931 07

MISCELLANEOUS.

Crosby Steam Gauge & Valve Co., charts	\$1 50
Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies	71
American Express Co., expressage	9 40
G. P. Anderson, supplies	119 43
Bion Green, Agent, freight	2 19
Scannell Boiler Works, checks and arches	68 40
A. G. Sturdivant, trucking	1 10
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies	11 76
I. B. Little Co., supplies	4 80
E. W. Roberts, stock and labor	29 49
O. F. Bennett, stock and labor	20 97
Hanscomb Hardware Co., batteries	75
G. P. Anderson, wheelbarrow top	5 50
Deane Steam Pump Co., valve piston	6 07
G. G. Davis, team	12 00
W. A. Bailey, superintendent, pay roll	47 33
H. C. Manning, sealing scales	71
Stulman Carmichael Co., repairing damper	7 75
Keniston Eng. Co., repairing steam main	50 00
Scannell Boiler Works, lead gaskets	5 00
A. McInnis & Son, trucking	1 60
J. W. Wilson, repairing roof at station	35 80
J. E. Currier, lumber	2 88

\$445 14

OFFICE.

Sargent Coal Co., coal, 1907-8	\$84 00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephoning and rental	37 94
Geo. E. Ricker, stamps and box rent	27 30
Merrimac Budget, printing	9 00
I. B. Little Co., supplies	74
C. S. Woodman, caning chairs	1 50
S. C. Pease & Sons, stock and machine work	1 60
J. E. Currier, lumber	75
H. H. Story, supplies	3 55
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies	54
	\$166 92
Total	\$8,417 99

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, January 31st, 1908	\$50 12
Appropriations	3,280 51
Water services	3,377 43
Laying service pipe and sale of meter	241 94
Miscellaneous	35 27
Light Dept., acct. fuel	1,013 68
Light Dept., acct. oil and waste	108 33
Light Dept., acct. team and labor	71 30
Light Dept., acct., office expense	73 07
Light Dept., acct., rent of station	300 00
	\$8,551 65

EXPENDED.

For construction	\$723 00	
For maintenance	7,694 99	
Cash on hand, January 31st, 1909	133 66	
		\$8,551 65

DEBIT.

Outstanding bills, estimated	\$85 00	
		\$85 00

CREDIT.

Cash on hand	\$133 66	
Due from water takers	294 77	
Fuel on hand	275 00	
Due from laying service pipe	21 97	
		\$725 40

GEORGE T. WALKER
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JAMES L. HOWE
Board of Water Commissioners.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD.

The Municipal Light Board herein submit their fifth annual report for the year ending January 31st, 1909:

The installation of the new engine, generator, etc., was completed early in the year and has proved very satisfactory. We consider the Town fortunate in having the new plant completed so soon as the old engine could not have been run much longer without shutting down for extensive repairs. These repairs have now been made and we have two complete sets in good running order. The cost of the new installation to date has been \$6,099.15.

During the year we have lost two power takers and four light takers, but notwithstanding this, the receipts from private consumers have been \$5,253.63, exceeding the receipts of last year by \$1,074.34, but owing to the expected reduction in the amount to be used by some of the remaining power takers, owing to their intended use of other power to a great extent, we think a conservative estimate of the amount to be received for the coming year to be \$4,575.00. Profit in operating the plant for the year, \$512.79.

In compliance with the law, the Manager has furnished the Board with the following estimates of the income and expense for the ensuing year, viz:

ESTIMATED EXPENSE.

Payment of note	\$600 00	
Payment of bond	500 00	
Interest on bonds	350 00	
Interest on notes	240 00	
Depreciation	714 05	
Gross expense of operating, maintenance, and repairs of plant	4,947 50	
		\$7,351 55
Estimated income from private consumers		4,575 00
		\$2,776 55

The above amount, \$2,776 55, is the sum required by law to be included by the Town in its annual appropriation for maintenance, and in the tax levy for the ensuing year.

COST OF CONSTRUCTION.

	For year ending		
	To Jan. 31, 1908.	Jan. 31, 1909.	Total.
Steam plant	\$2,309 33	\$1,676 06	\$3,985 39
Electric plant	1,261 34	3,100 00	4,361 34
Street lines	11,442 42	156 92	11,599 34
Transformers	2,258 15	284 75	2,542 90
Meters	1,247 32	65 30	1,312 62
	\$18,518 56	\$5,283 03	\$23,801 59

MATERIAL ON HAND.

200 lbs. No. 4 wire	\$50 00
175 lbs. No. 10 wire	22 75
200 lbs. No. 6 wire	42 30
60 lbs. guy wire	2 40
95 16 C. P. lamps	18 05
550 feet cross arms	22 00
Braces, pins, etc.	25 00
Reels	10 00
Other material	15 00
Distribution tools	90 25
2 20 k. w. transformers	342 00
1 1 k. w. transformer	26 28
1 20 amp. meter	42 39
1 80 amp. meter	56 10
1 10 amp. meter	36 00
	\$800 52

CONSTRUCTION.

STREET LINES.

James Dickens, balance of contract	\$100 00
James Dickens, reel of wire	42 30
James Dickens, supplies	5 28
High Tension Electric Co., insulators	6 72
A. G. Sturdivant, trucking	30
Bion Green, agent, freight	82
American Express Co., expressage	70
A. McInnis & Son, trucking	80
	\$156 92

STEAM PLANT.

Ridgway Dynamo and Engine Co., balance of contract, less freight, etc.	\$764 41
E. W. Roberts, balance of contract	25 00
Keniston Engineering Co., piping engine	737 32
I. B. Williams & Sons, belts	101 24
G. P. Anderson, lubricator and valve	27 35
Bion Green, agent, freight	7 44
A. G. Sturdivant, trucking	4 70
Procter C. Smith, cleaning engine	2 40
J. C. Libby, stock and labor	4 95
A. McInnis & Son, trucking	1 25
	\$1,676 06

ELECTRIC PLANT.

Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co.,
generator exciter and switchboard complete

\$3,100 00

\$3,100 00

TRANSFORMERS.

James Dickens, 2 5 k. w. transformers	\$120 57
James Dickens, 2 20 k. w. transformers, less credit on transformers exchanged	156 55
James Dickens, labor	3 20
Bion Green, agent, freight and demurrage	2 18
A. McInnis & Son, trucking	2 25

\$284 75

METERS.

James Dickens, 1 120 amp. meter	\$65 30
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\$65 30

MAINTENANCE.

EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS.

James Dickens, repairing generators	\$172 09
Ridgway Dynamo & Engine Co., repairing old engine	95 83
Westinghouse E. & M. Co., supplies	22 08
A. McInnis & Son, trucking	1 00
Bion Green, agent, freight	1 17
W. A. Bailey, manager, pay roll	4 00
American Express Co., expressage	6 00

\$302 17

FUEL.

Sargent Coal Co., 60 700-2240 gross tons coal at \$4.93	\$297 53
Atkinson Coal Co., 202 gross tons coal at \$4.64	937 28
Atkinson Coal Co., 392 960-2240 gross tons coal at \$4.54	1,782 40
Atkinson Coal Co., 92 1500-2240 gross tons screenings at \$2.80	259 70
Sargent Coal Co., 77 1170-2240 gross tons screenings at \$2.80	217 33
Sargent Coal Co., 161 1350-2240 gross tons screenings at \$2.40	387 76
Water department, balance 1907 and coal consumed to April 7th	1,013 68

\$4,895 68

OIL AND WASTE.

Water department, oil and waste	\$108 33
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\$108 33

REPAIRING ELECTRIC PLANT.

James Dickens, supplies	\$1 60
Westinghouse E. & M. Co., supplies	71
American Express Co., expressage	40

\$2 71

REPAIRING STEAM PLANT.

J. L. Kimball, repairs	\$5 04
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\$5 04

STATION WAGES.

W. A. Barbeau, engineer	\$834 00
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\$834 00

REPAIRING LINES AND CARE OF LAMPS.

Water department, team and labor	\$71 30
W. A. Bailey, manager, pay roll	27 39
I. B. Little Co., supplies	11 80
James Dickens, supplies	5 04
Pettingell Andrews Co., supplies	11 56
F. G. Newton, supplies	50
Bion Green, agent, freights	50
F. C. Williams, repairs	75
A. McInnis & Son, trucking	3 90

\$132 74

DISTRIBUTION TOOLS.

W. H. Scott, ladder	\$2 00
Pettingell Andrews Co., tools	7 25

\$9 25

INCANDESCENT LAMPS.

Stuart Howland Co., 500 16 C. P. lamps	\$87 50	
		\$87 50

OFFICE.

Water department, general office expense	\$73 07	
Merrimac Budget, printing	21 75	
		\$94 82

SALARIES.

W. A. Bailey, manager	\$400 00	
W. A. Bailey, commissioner	12 50	
George T. Walker, commissioner	12 50	
J. L. Howe, commissioner	12 50	
		\$437 50

INSURANCE.

Bailey Sargent, employers and public	\$118 02	
		\$118 02

BOND.

J. C. Pease, treasurer, bond No. 4	\$500 00	
		\$500 00

INTEREST.

J. C. Pease, treasurer, interest on bonds	\$370 00	
J. C. Pease, interest on note	330 00	
		\$700 00

INCIDENTALS.

Water department, rent of station	\$300 00	
E. W. Roberts, stock and labor	29 75	
James Dickens, supplies	5 72	
		\$335 47
Total		\$13,846 26

EXPENDED.

Electric plant	\$210 00	
Steam plant	100 00	
Street lines	100 00	
Transformers	100 00	
Meters	55 56	
		\$565 56

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand January 31, 1908	\$4,749 56	
Appropriations	2,729 70	
Interest	26 15	
Premium on note	33 00	
Premium on notes	110 00	
From Water Dep't, account fuel	1,164 60	
For sale of light and power	5,253 63	
For return of reels	15 30	
		\$14,081 94

EXPENDED.

For maintenance	\$8,563 23
For construction	5,283 03
Cash on hand	235 68
	\$14,081 94

DEBIT.

To outstanding bills estimated	\$100 00
	\$100 00

CREDIT.

By fuel on hand	\$641 75
By due for light and power	174 10
By sales of light and power for January	749 43
	\$1,565 28

DEPRECIATION FUND ACCOUNT.

Balance of account January 31, 1908	\$10 00
Depreciation for the year	555 56
	\$565 56

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Municipal Light Board.

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